

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Willow Creek Irrigation Diversion Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-SIS-50415-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Diversion #5 Willow Creek, tributary to Klamath River, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Latitude 41.864449 decimal degrees, Longitude -122.419219 decimal degrees; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quadrangle map Bogus Mountain, Humboldt Base and Meridian; Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 041-150-220.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SIS-50415-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Lisa Wohn.

The project is limited to activities associated with the diversion of water from Willow Creek via a temporary gravel dam, down a ditch approximately 250 feet to a weir/screen inlet, and then piped to nearby field for irrigation. The activities include moving approximately 1 cubic yard of material from the diversion ditch to the creek to establish a gravel dam for conveying water to diversion ditch. At the conclusion of the summer when the creek is dry, the material placed in the channel is moved back to the diversion ditch. The diversion ditch is against the right bank of Willow Creek. The Permittee has water rights pursuant to Judgement #24482 of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Siskiyou judgement for Willow Creek. The Permittee has a water right for approximately 3.320 cubic feet of water (cfs) year around. Work for the water diversions will include use and maintenance of existing water diversion infrastructure.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Lisa Wohn

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301**, Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is the annual maintenance of an existing water diversion structure and the diversion of water from Willow Creek pursuant to their lawful water right. There will be no removal of health, mature, scenic trees as a result of this project. The diversion facilities are currently in good working order.

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