

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** Liang Onstream Pond Bypass Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-50815-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The Project to be completed is located within the Upper Eel River watershed, approximately 7.15 miles northeast of the town of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 6, Township 18N, Range 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Foster Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 108-191-30; latitude 39.452343 N and longitude 123.230650 W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-50815-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Senhan Liang.

The Agreement relies on the Notification, a CDFW site visit on August 6, 2024, and correspondence with the Permittee and Permittee's Designated Representative. The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment. One encroachment is for installation of a bypass structure on an onstream pond from unnamed tributaries to Scott Creek. Work will include construction of an armored weir across the northern tributary to the pond to allow water diversion of <10% and concurrent bypass of the remaining 90% of flows around the pond through an approximately 620-foot 30-inch diameter bypass pipe that discharges into a stream near the toe of the existing pond embankment that flows to Scott Creek.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Senhan Liang**

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Liang Onstream Pond Bypass Project (Project) meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the Project consists of the minor alteration of an existing onstream pond through the construction of pond bypass infrastructure, involving no expansion of existing or former use. This Project will result in improvement of habitat for downstream fish and wildlife resources.

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