

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: LaBonte Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-52259-R1C)

Project Location: The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 0.2 miles northeast of the community of Briceland, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 18, T04S, R03E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 220-231-027; latitude 40.1098 and longitude -123.8975 at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The Project is limited to one encroachment. The encroachment is for water diversion from Redwood Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Permittee has agreed to forbear diversion during the low flow season and will be provided storage tanks to facilitate diversion forbearance. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Michael LaBonte

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of an existing structure. The project proponent has agreed to modify their diversion schedule to eliminate diversion when streamflow in Redwood Creek is less than 0.5 Cubic Feet per Second (CSF) and will only divert to Storage when streamflow is greater than 5 CFS. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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