

Notice of Exemption

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From:
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Project Title: Urbonas Stream Crossings and Pond Spillway Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-39254-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): Eel River watershed, approximately 13.6 miles north of the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 6, T 23N, R 15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Tan Oak Park U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 056-480-16; latitude 39.8699 N and longitude 123.5811 W at the first stream crossing (SC-1).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-39254-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to James Urbonas.

The Project is limited to three (3) encroachments. One proposed encroachment (SC-1) is to perform maintenance on an existing stream crossing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include rock armoring the outlet, installation of erosion control measures, annually monitoring the crossing for erosion of road fill around the outlet, and seasonally clearing the inlet and outlet of debris and sediment.

One proposed encroachment is to upgrade an existing culvert (SC-2). Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

The third encroachment is to replace the spillway culvert for an existing on-stream pond. Permittee will provide engineered designs and plans to CDFW for review and acceptance within three years from the effective date of this Agreement, and prior to beginning the project. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: James Urbonas

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: Urbonas Stream Crossings and Pond Spillway Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves maintenance and minor alteration of a stream crossing culvert in an existing location. The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 2, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 because the project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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