

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Northern Region  
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**Project Title:** Polson Stream Crossings Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-32642-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The Project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 0.5 miles northeast of the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 12, Township 21N, Range 15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Laytonville U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 014-040-24; latitude 39.6940 N and longitude 123.4812 W at the first stream crossing (SC-2).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-32642-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mary Polson.

The Project is limited to two (2) encroachments to upgrade existing culverts (Table 1). Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, 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:** Mary Polson

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Types – Class 2 and Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15302 and 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Polson Stream Crossings Project (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 structures. The new structures will be located on the same sites as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The Project also meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 because it consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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