

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Project Title: Espinoza Stream Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-56455-R1C)

Project Location: The Project to be completed is located within the Middle Fork Eel River watershed, approximately two miles northeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 32, Township 23N, Range 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Covelo East U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 032-410-23 and 032-420-29; latitude 39.80947 N and longitude 123.21982 W at Crossing-1.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-56455-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Noe Espinoza.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials, a CDFW site visit on February 7, 2025, correspondence with the Permittee and Permittee's representative, and recommendations by CDFW Cannabis Engineering staff. The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment to repair and maintain an existing triple-barrel culvert stream crossing. Work for this encroachment will include re-establishing the flow capacity of the center culvert by opening the crushed outlet, removing the metal t-posts at the outlets, and removing and properly disposing of the plastic fencing and cinder blocks near the outlets. Work will also include armoring the downstream embankment with Class I (D₅₀ = 6-inch) rock slope protection. The Notification disclosed a well located at 39.80867, -123.21996 as the water source for commercial cannabis irrigation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

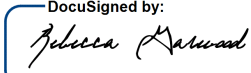
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Noe Espinoza

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Types – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Espinoza Stream Crossing Project (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemption because the Project consists of the repair and maintenance of an existing private structure.

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