

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Davidson Stream Crossings and Stream Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-54650-R1C)

Project Location: The Project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately seven miles north of the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 3, Township 22N, Range 15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Tan Oak Park U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 013-550-27; latitude 39.78448 N and longitude 123.52778 W at the first stream crossing (SC-4).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-54650-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Satya Davidson.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on August 1, 2024. The Project is limited to three (3) encroachments. Two (2) encroachments are to upgrade existing culverts. 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. The third encroachment is to decommission a stream crossing, implement stream restoration, and revegetation of disturbed areas. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert and fill material to natural stream grade and alignment, and stabilization with weed-free seeding and regionally appropriate native plants to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Satya Davidson

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Types – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302, Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The Davidson Stream Crossings and Stream Restoration Project (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemptions because the Project consists of permitting and replacement of existing structures involving the minor alteration of private land in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve removal of mature trees, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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