

## 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:** Donnelly Stream Crossings Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-57050-R1C)

**Project Location:** The Project to be completed is located within the Upper Eel River watershed, approximately 2.3 miles southeast of the town of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 29, Township 18N, Range 13W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Willits U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 104-090-06-05 and 104-070-06-05; latitude 39.37957 N and longitude 123.33244 W at the first stream crossing (SC-1).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-57050-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ryan Donnelly.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on January 27, 2025. The Project is limited to two encroachments to install new culverts (Table 1). Work for these encroachments will include excavation, installation of the new culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Crossing-1 is located downstream of the overflow of a spring-fed pond. Future work that may be proposed for the pond is subject to the notification requirement in Fish and Game Code section 1602 and will require a Major Amendment to this Agreement or a separate Notification. The Notification also disclosed a groundwater well at 39.37891, -123.33164 used for domestic purposes and commercial cannabis irrigation.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

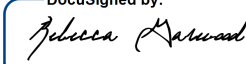
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Ryan Donnelly

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption. Types – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303 and Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Donnelly Stream Crossings Project (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemptions because the Project consists of the construction of new stream crossings to improve water quality and road drainage. It will involve minor alteration to water, land, and vegetation on private property that does not involve the removal of mature trees.

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