

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Tsekos Stream Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-52485-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 10 miles east of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 27, Township 23N, Range 11W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Newhouse Ridge U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 032-291-12-00; latitude 39.81523 N and longitude 123.06199 W at the stream crossing.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-52485-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Chris Tsekos.

The Project is limited to one encroachment, for replacement of an undersized and damaged stream crossing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include removal of one 24-inch DBH black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion, and revegetation of oak trees in the riparian zone.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Tsekos

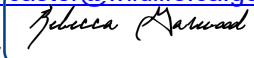
Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Tsekos Stream Crossing Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves installation and use of a stream crossing at an existing crossing location. The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

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