

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Balo/Vineyard 35 Indian Creek Diversion (EPIMS-MEN-15610-R1)

**Project Location:** The project is located within the Navarro River watershed, approximately 0.4 miles east of the town of Philo, County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 20, T14 North, R14 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Philo U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 046-080-38; latitude 39.0625 and longitude -123.4340 at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The project is limited to one encroachment (Table 1). The encroachment is for water diversion from Indian Creek. Water is diverted for irrigation of an existing vineyard. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. Water is diverted for irrigation under State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights License 9420A. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the existing water diversion infrastructure.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Vivian Stapp, Jackson Family Wines

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304, Minor alteration in the condition of land and water.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project proposes to continue operation of an existing agricultural water diversion to maintain existing vineyard crops. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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