

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hillick Bridge Protection (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-51929-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Pocket Canyon Creek, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.49140°, Longitude -122.96082°; 11835 Highway 116, Guerneville, CA, 95446; Assessor's Parcel Number 085-140-016.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-51929-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Charles Benbow.

The project is limited to the placement of approximately 300 square feet of riprap at the abutments of an existing bridge to prevent damage to the bridge from scouring. The project also involves the in-kind replacement of an existing 40 foot long 24-inch diameter culvert that has failed with a new culvert of the same dimensions. The culvert replacement will require the addition of 100 square feet of new riprap. No more than one live riparian tree will be removed as part of the project. No work will occur where surface water is present. Access and staging will occur via the existing road and turnouts. The project will result in approximately 400 square feet or permanent impact to riparian habitat and approximately 300 square feet to temporary impact to riparian habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Charles Benbow

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of two existing structures, a bridge and a culvert.

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