

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Fetzer Saracina Vineyards (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0527-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** This Agreement pertains to one encroachment site (three activities). Activities include the annual placement of a single screened agricultural pump intake, the diversion of channel surface water, and excavation of channel material at a single existing site/point of diversion. The site is located on the west bank of the main stem Russian River, approximately 1.5 aerial miles north-northeast of Hopland, Latitude 39.0038186, Longitude -123.11303281 (decimal degrees coordinates in NAD 83 datum as derived by user pointing at GIS display). The physical address is 11684 South Highway 101, Hopland on Assessor's Parcel Number 48-010-13.

**Project Description:** The existing site is described as a man-made 50 foot long x 4 foot wide diagonal lateral channel, running from the natural channel to a 'sump' with an approximate surface area of 144 square feet (12 ft. x 12 ft.) where the pump intake is installed.

Diversion of water is authorized under water right application A016561 an existing contract (Uniform Water Supply Agreement) between Saracina Vineyards and Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (RRFC), for a maximum of 75 acre-feet per annum (less any reduction required by RRFC) at a rate not to exceed 2,400 gallons per minute (gpm). This agreement does **not** cover water diversion under any other water rights permitted by the state or claimed by Saracina Vineyards. Ground water and subterranean channel flow diversion activities are not covered under this agreement.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Saracina Vineyards as represented by John Fetzer

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Activities will be conducted in a manner to protect water quality and free flowing conditions in the Russian River. No mature or scenic trees will be removed. 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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