

Notice of Exemption

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: Rachele Haug Road Upgrade Project

Project Location - Specific: 8169 Briceland Thorn Road

Project Location - City: Whitethorn

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to place rock armor below the outlet of a stream crossing culvert and replace an existing culvert on a culverted stream crossing. The proposed project is intended to storm proof stream crossings and reduce road-related sediment delivery to jurisdictional waters within the China Creek watershed. The property was formerly used for cannabis cultivation as well as a homestead site and is proposed to remain a homestead site. No cultivation of commercial cannabis will be conducted on the Project Site in the future. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Regional Water Board enforcement staff and Humboldt County Sherriff's Office (HCSO) law enforcement officers conducted a site inspection on April 30, 2018 and issued Notices of Violation (NOV) for various water quality impairment issues. Road drainage structures (rolling dips, ditch relief culverts, etc.) will be installed as needed to disconnect hydrologically connected road segments from surface waters. A draft Agreement has been provided by CDFW, has been reviewed by the applicant and is currently being finalized by CDFW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rachele Haug

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 - Existing Facilities (c) and (d).
- Statutory Exemptions, State code number: 15269 (d)

Lead Agency Contact: Brandon Stevens

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No



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Signature: _____
 Matthias St. John

Date: 10/21/2019 **Title:** Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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