

# Notice of Exemption

**To:** ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sonoma County Water Agency  
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**Project Title:** Lake Mendocino Quagga and Zebra Mussel Inspection Project.

**Project Location - Specific:** The Project is located at 1160 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California. See Figure 1.

**Project Location – City:** Unincorporated

**County:** Sonoma

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Quagga and zebra mussels are an invasive mussel that, if introduced into a waterway, can devastate the natural environment, clog water and flood protection infrastructure, and cost millions of dollars in maintenance. Mussels are transported between waterways by watercraft, primarily recreational boats. The proposed project would provide watercraft inspection services to prevent quagga and zebra mussel infestation into Lake Mendocino. The proposed project would also provide inspection training to help develop year-round inspections.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15309, Inspections.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Proposed project activities are limited to quagga and zebra mussel inspections and inspection training that help prevent a potential for infestation at Lake Mendocino. Pursuant to Section 21803, the proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, have a cumulatively considerable effect, or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. Pursuant to Section 21804, the proposed project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historic resource or tribal cultural resource.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Connie Barton

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**Signature:**  **Title:** General Manager

**Date:** 2/25/2020

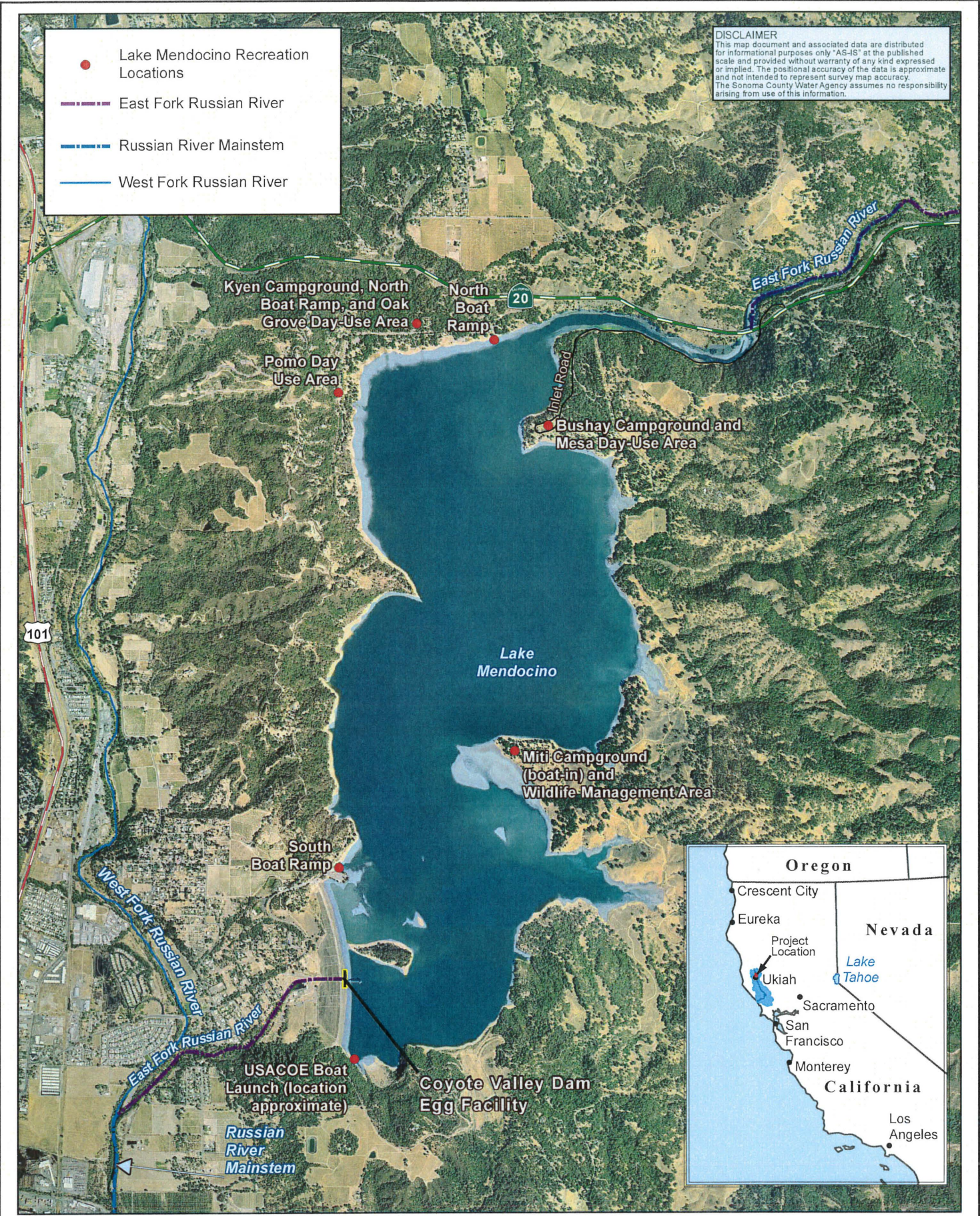
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☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_





- Lake Mendocino Recreation Locations
- East Fork Russian River
- Russian River Mainstem
- West Fork Russian River

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Project Map - Lake Mendocino Mussel Infestation Prevention Program



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