

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Project Title:** Jameson Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 40.5786°, -124.1299°

**Project Location - City:** Fortuna

**Project Location - County:** Humboldt

**Description of Project:** The Project will replace an existing culvert to provide fish passage at the Rohnerville Road crossing, a barrier for all life stages of salmonids on Jameson Creek. The Project includes a precast reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert, approximately 12'H x 14'W, with a roughened channel constructed within the culvert, and extending approximately 120 feet upstream and downstream, to provide a natural stream bottom. The existing roadway will be excavated to remove the existing culvert, and the new culvert will be set approximately 3 feet below the channel thalweg to accommodate backfilling with streambed material. The precast box culvert will be placed in sections and will require subgrade preparation prior to installation. Once the RCB is placed, the roughened channel will be constructed by placing rock from both ends of the culvert or alternatively from above the culvert, should the contractor choose a culvert with removable top sections allowing rock placement from above. The roadway fill prism will then be brought back up to grade, and all existing utilities within the fill prism will be replaced.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Fortuna

**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; Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects:
- Statutory Exemptions; State code number:


**Reasons why project is exempt:** The removal of the Strongs Creek barrier will provide access for juvenile and adult salmonids from the lower Eel River into upper Strongs Creek and Jameson Creek.

**Lead Agency Contact:** Brandon Stevens

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 707-576-2377

**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:** March 10, 2020 **Title:** Executive Officer  
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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