

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:**

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Region 1 – Northern  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Valkov Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0049-R1)

**Project Location:** The project to be completed is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 2 miles east of the town of Honeydew, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 2, T3S, R1W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Shubric U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number's 107-103-014 and 107-103-015.

**Project Description:** The project is limited to 4 encroachments (Table 1). One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to the Mattole River. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The 3 other proposed encroachments are to upgrade or decommission failing and undersized stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Valentin Valkov

**Exempt Status:**

- ☐ Statutory Exemption.
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project includes replacement and abandonment of existing crossings. 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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