

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Thomas Vineyards North Orchard Water Diversion (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0050-R1)

**Project Location:** The project is located on the mainstem Russian River, in the city of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 16, T15N, R12W, Mount Diablos Base and Meridian; in the Ukiah U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; latitude 39.1672 N and longitude 123.1953 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The project is limited to one encroachment for water diversion from the Russian River using a 50-horse-power electric-pump. Water will be diverted for irrigation of alfalfa grown on 33-acres of land. Work for the water diversion includes seasonal placement and removal of a single-screened agricultural pump intake. The diversion rate shall not exceed 800-gallons per minute and the season of diversion shall be confined to the period April 15 to October 15 of each year. Water diversion is for direct use only and is covered by Division of Water Rights License Numbers 10344 and 4675 and purchased water from the Russian River Flood Control District. No other equipment use or excavation is required within the bed, bank or channel of the river and no riparian vegetation will be disturbed.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** John H. Thomas, Thomas Vineyards

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves operation of an existing agricultural pump. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. 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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