

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: Road Network Upgrades Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific: 39.6056 °N and 123.5426 °W

Project Location - City: Laytonville

Project Location - County: Mendocino County

Description of Project: The purpose of this Project is to address identified controllable sediment sources discharging from the road network to watercourses as required per Attachment C, Item 4, of a settlement agreement between Rhys Vineyards, LLC and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (WR 2019-0053-EXEC). Stream crossings will be repaired by installing structures including trash racks and culverts or replaced with properly sized and placed culverts, bridges, or rocked ford crossings. Additional stream crossings will be decommissioned by removing old, poorly functioning culverts, excavating and stabilizing residual fill material, and installing cross drains to hydrologically disconnect road segments. Project descriptions and designs include Best Management Practices and assurances that construction will avoid and minimize the threat of a discharge to waters of the state and minimize impacts to the bed bank and channel. Project crossings will be constructed to the 100-year storm requirements and will reduce existing fill impacts to channels where applicable. Work is expected to begin on June 1, 2021 and all work should be complete by October 15, 2024.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rhys Vineyards, LLC

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 Exemptions: 15301 - Existing Facilities (c)(d)(e); 15304-Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project activities involve the repair, replacement, and minor alteration of existing roads, stream crossings, and land.

Responsible Agency Contact: Shannon Strong

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 576-2499

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

Signature: _____
 Matthias St. John

Date: 6/1/2021

Title: Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____