Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife Northern Region 619 Second Street Eureka, California 95501



Project Title: Anderson Creek Instream and Riparian Habitat Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-HUM-28221-R1C)

Project Location: The project is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 6 miles east of the town of Shelter Cove, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Sections 8 and 9, T05S, R02E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 215-171-003, 215-171-004, and 215-172-029; latitude 40.031300 N and longitude 123.95820 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-HUM-28221-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sanctuary Forest.

This stream restoration project will install roughly 300 pieces of wood habitat features at 30 sites along 3,000 feet of channel. Two temporary Spittler crossings in Anderson Creek will be constructed for site access. The project also includes improving two existing stream crossings on tributaries to Anderson Creek. Additionally, another element of the project is funding-dependent, and involves either installing an armored ford a Spittler crossing on a tributary to Anderson Creek.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Sanctuary Forest

Exempt Status:
☐ Statutory Exemption.
☑ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333
Reasons why project is exempt: With the avoidance and minimization measures proposed by Sanctuary Forest, and the conditions in the LSAA, the project is unlikely to have significant impacts to the environment. Additionally, the project will be less than 5 acres in size.
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