

Notice of Exemption

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: Mill Creek Habitat Connectivity Project

Project Location: 40.5712° N, 124.1308° W; 40.5712° N, 124.1308° W; 40.5702° N, 124.1228° W;
40.5712° N, 124.1308° W; and 40.5691° N, 124.1213° W

Project Location - City: Fortuna, CA

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Project: This Project will improve the geomorphic function and instream habitat connectivity of Mill Creek, tributary to Strongs Creek and the lower Eel River, by upgrading and replacing five culverted stream crossings that present fish passage barriers.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mat Nyberg, 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 project will restore fish passage and in-channel salmonid habitat along Mill Creek, tributary to the Eel River. The total project is less than five acres in size, and there will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat.

Lead Agency Contact: Jake Shannon

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-576-2673

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: JAKE SHANNON

Date: July 28, 2025

Title: Restoration Specialist

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____