

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** Felix Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-50743-R1C)

**Project Location:** The Project to be completed is located within the Upper Eel River watershed, approximately 5.2 miles north of the town of Potter Valley, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 19, Township 18N, Range 11W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Van Arsdale Reservoir U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 171-130-01; latitude 39.39757 N and longitude 123.11714 W at the first point of diversion (WS-6).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-50743-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Oscar Felix.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site inspection on September 21, 2023. The Project is limited to three (3) encroachments. Encroachment 1 (WS-6) is for water diversion from the Eel River. Water is diverted for domestic use, including irrigation. Work for this encroachment will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure, and modifications as needed to comply with the terms of this Agreement. Encroachment 2 (HAP-1) is for water diversion from an onstream reservoir for domestic use, including irrigation. Work for this encroachment will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure, modifications as needed to comply with the terms of this Agreement. A Non-Native Species Management Plan (NSMP) shall be developed to appropriately manage non-native and/or invasive aquatic species See Measure 2.32. Encroachment 3 (SC-1) is to upgrade an existing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, 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:** Oscar Felix

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Types – Classes 1, 2, and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301, 15302, and 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Felix Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemption because the Project consists of the operation permitting, and maintenance of existing water diversion infrastructure (WS-6, HAP-1), and the replacement of SC-1 involving minor stream alteration.

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