



## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

To:

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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Little Mill Creek Groundwater Recharge Project (WDID 1B26019WNME)

**Project Location:** Mendocino County **Coordinates:** 39.143920° N, 123.487047° W

**Project Description:** On April 8, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) issued this Statewide Restoration General Order Notice of Applicability (NOA) to Nicole Schmidt, The Nature Conservancy. The purpose of this Project is to implement a groundwater recharge project in an unnamed tributary to Little Mill Creek to augment dry-season streamflow in the Mill Creek watershed for the purpose of salmonid habitat enhancement downstream of the project area. This notice is to advise that the Regional Water Board issued the above-described NOA on the date signed below.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** The Nature Conservancy

**Exempt Status:** The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, acting as the Lead Agency, has determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15333.

**Exemption Justification:** This is a voluntary restoration project and does not exceed five acres in size.

**Signature:** JAKE SHANNON **Date:** April 8, 2026

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