

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Husch Vineyards Navarro River Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-62604-R1C)

**Project Location:** The Project to be completed is located within the Navarro River watershed, approximately 4 miles northwest of the town of Philo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 3, T14N, R15W, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Cold Spring U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Number 026-510-14; latitude 39.1002 and longitude -123.5019 at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The Project is limited to one encroachment. The encroachment is for water diversion from the Navarro River via existing water diversion infrastructure. Water is diverted for frost protection, irrigation, heat protection, and fish and wildlife preservation per two appropriative water rights (A023120 and A033408) and a riparian right (S016614). Work for the water diversion will include seasonal installation, use, and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Zachary Robinson representing Husch Vineyards

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of an existing structure. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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