



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation [CEQA Submit](#)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Lower Red Cap Creek Floodplain Restoration Project

Project Location: Humboldt County **Coordinates:** 41.259386° N, 123.585672° W

Project Description: On May 6, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) issued this Statewide Restoration General Order Notice of Applicability (NOA) to LeRoy Cyr, Six Rivers National Forest. The project will restore floodplain connectivity and improve aquatic habitat in Red Cap Creek through a series of channel and floodplain enhancements. Existing push-up levees, berms, and gabion walls will be removed and re-graded to allow increased floodplain access and reduce high-velocity flows that contribute to channel incision. Suitable excavated gravels will be sorted and redistributed within the stream channel to enhance spawning habitat. Engineered log jam structures will be installed using large trees and ballast boulders to increase habitat complexity and stabilize channel features. A new side channel will be constructed, and existing side channels will be enhanced to improve seasonal connectivity and provide additional spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids. 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

Public Agency Carrying Out Project: LeRoy Cyr, Six Rivers National Forest

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 restoration project is under five acres in total size.

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