



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

To:

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Lower French Creek Sediment Reduction and Fish Passage Improvement Project (WDID No. 1A26052WNSI)

Project Location: Siskiyou County **Coordinates:** 41.414167° N, 122.853611° W

Project Description: On June 9, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) issued this Statewide Restoration General Order Notice of Applicability (NOA) to Madison McGroarty, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This Project will improve fish passage in lower French Creek, near the confluence with the Scott River, by increasing the depth and velocity within the low flow channel. 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: Madison McGroarty, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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 project is a voluntary restoration project and does not exceed 5 acres in total size.

Signature: JAKE SHANNON **Date:** June 9, 2026

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