

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -**

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Schatz Demonstration Tree Farm Road Improvement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-58743-R1C)

Project Location: The Project is located within the Mad River watershed, approximately 13 miles southeast of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 32, T5N, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Maple Creek U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 313-141-020.

Project Description: The Project is limited to four (4) encroachments to upgrade existing culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Table 1. Project Encroachments with Description

ID	Latitude/Longitude	Description
Crossing-1	40.7717, -123.8652	Replace existing 18" diameter culvert with minimum 24". Rock armor inlet and outlet and apply rock slope protection as necessary to minimize erosion
Crossing-2	40.7730, -123.8652	Replace existing 18" diameter culvert with minimum 24". Rock armor inlet and outlet
Crossing-3	40.7734, -123.8650	Replace existing 18" diameter culvert with minimum 24". Rock armor inlet and outlet
Crossing-4	40.7765, -123.8654	Replace existing 18" diameter culvert with minimum 24". Rock armor inlet and outlet

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Sara Hanna, Cal Poly Humboldt

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Statutory Exemption.
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: The project replaces an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. 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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