

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Sonoma Creek Watershed Stream Maintenance (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0147-R3)

Project Location: The project is located throughout the upper Sonoma Creek/Valley of the Moon watershed at various locations along Sonoma Creek and its tributaries, in the County of Sonoma, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0147-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma Ecology Center.

The project includes vegetation management including trimming, mowing, and removal of flow-constricting vegetation; it will be implemented to maintain conveyance and capacity and to enhance native habitat. Invasive vegetation will be removed, but healthy mature trees will only be trimmed. They also include sediment and debris management, which will only occur when a downed tree or debris threatens flood conveyance capacity or channel stability. Tree or debris may be modified by trimming, or repositioning within the stream, or placed on the bank, with the preference being to leave downed trees in place with minimal modification. Activities also include bank stabilization, which will involve repair and stabilization of stream banks when weakened, unstable, or failing bank causes or threatens to cause damage to private property, increase flood hazard, threatens public safety, impairs roads or access, generates erosion, increases downstream sedimentation, or impacts riparian habitat. No in-water work will occur.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma Ecology Center

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
 Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is maintenance of existing facilities.

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