

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -****To:**

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**Subject: Filling of Notice of Exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code 21108****State Clearinghouse Number:** 2014098170**Project Title:** Aliso Creek Maintenance at Laguna Woods Village (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2013-0151-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within and adjacent to Aliso Creek, in the County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.595377, Longitude -117.710435; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute map San Juan Capistrano quadrangle, Section 34, Township 6 south, Range 8 west, and Section 3, Township 7 south, Range 8 west, San Bernadino meridian; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 621-101-04, 621-101-05, 621-101-06, and 621-111-11. The site is adjacent to the community of Laguna Woods Village and is generally bounded by Moulton Parkway to the west, Laguna Hills Drive to the south, and Paseo de Valencia to the east, entirely within the city of Laguna Woods.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed a Major Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2013-0151-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods, as represented by Kurt Weimann.

The Project is limited to routine flood control maintenance activities at the project location within Aliso Creek. Emergent aquatic vegetation will be mowed or cut with hand tools, trimmer, and hedgers while leaving 1 foot or more of the cut vegetation above the water line to retain water quality and erosion control benefits. Accumulated sediment will be removed from within 20 feet of two existing pedestrian walkways that cross the stream. Trash and other human generated debris will be routinely removed from the stream. Non-native species within the project area will be routinely removed and properly disposed. The amendment is limited to allowing cattails within the center third of Aliso Creek to be treated with herbicide, cut down to 6 inches above the water line, and the cut biomass removed from the site to allow for increased water flow through Aliso Creek.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods Village****Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 includes consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. In this case, the project qualifies because it will be removing cattails from the Creek and allowing them to grow back for constant removal.

Signature:

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 David Mayer

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Date:

David Mayer, Environmental Program Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: _____