

Notice of Exemption**To:**

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Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Four Seasons HOA Stream Management (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2015-0071-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Carson Creek, in the County of El Dorado, State of California; Latitude 38 degrees 37 minutes 54.35 seconds North, Longitude 121 degrees 4 minutes 33.48 seconds West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has issued a major amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2015-0071-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Fallen Leaf Tree Management.

The project is limited to the removal of 14 willow trees with a total combined canopy area of approximately 14,000 square feet from the creek's banks. The trees will be removed in order to comply with fire safety regulations mandating a 30-foot defensible space buffer around local residences. Each removed tree will be replaced with a 15-gallon California native tree.

The trees will be removed from four locations within the Four Seasons residential community in El Dorado Hills: the area behind 513 Aspen Grove Ct., the area behind 521 Aspen Grove Ct., the area behind 5021-5025 Covered Bridge Way, and the area behind 7422-7426 Grassy Creek Way.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Fallen Leaf Tree Management

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is intended to replace native willow trees growing within a 30-foot fire safety buffer around existing residences with other native trees that are expected to grow in a way that is less likely to catch/spread fire. It is exempt under Class 1 because it consists of the maintenance of existing native growth.

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