

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: NA

Project Title: Stevens Creek Fish Counter Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0316-R3)

Project Location: The Stevens Creek Fish Counter Project (Project) is part of the Coyote Watershed and located in Stevens Creek in the City of Sunnyvale, County of Santa Clara, State of California; Latitude: 37.355517, Longitude: -122.061648.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0316-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Vincent Gin/Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water).

The Project involves the installation and removal of a VAKI Riverwatcher fish counter (VAKI) at the upstream end of the Fremont fish ladder and a computer housing on a concrete pad above the top of the creek bank. The VAKI is designed to digitally record the number, timing, and size of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) migrating through the ladder in support of the Permittee's Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) program.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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