

Notice of Exemption**To:**

Office of Planning and Research
 For U.S. Mail:
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Bay Delta Region
 2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
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**Street Address:**

1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Branagh Pond and Channel Enhancement (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0311-R3)

Project Location: The project is located at an in-channel pond and unnamed tributary to Pinole Creek on the property of 6001 Alhambra Valley Road, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.961684°, Longitude -122.182594°; Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 365-020-030 and 365-020-046.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0311-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Andrew Branagh.

In response to a Notice of Violation, the project will enhance approximately 450 feet of the main channel, an on-stream pond, and 175 linear feet of a secondary channel with willow-stake dams to slow flows and create habitat suitable for California red-legged frog. The project will include construction of an upstream basin, two downstream basins, a roadway basin and swale to convey flows to collect sediment and convey flows from the channel to the pond. The channels and pond will be vegetated with native wetland species, and upland areas will be seeded with native grasses. A wooden bridge will be constructed over the main channel and inlet into the pond.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Andrew Branagh, Andrew Branagh Irrevocable Trust and Kimberly Branagh Irrevocable Trust

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes 3(e) and 21(a); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15303 and 15321

Reasons why project is exempt: Construction of an accessory structure and restoration activities prescribed by regulatory agency.

CDFW Contact Person: Jennifer Rippert, Environmental Scientist, (707) 428-2069

Signature: 

Date: August 1, 2019

James Starr, Environmental Program Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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