

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Maxwell Creek Archaeological Protection/Stream Restoration (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0306-R3)

Project Location: The project is located along Maxwell Creek at 2326 Dollarhide Road, St. Helena, Napa County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0306-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to St. Supery, Inc.

The project will be constructed in two phases over a period of two years. The purpose of this approach is to provide temporary bank protection throughout the 2019/2020 winter in order to preserve an exposed archaeological site near the top of the eroded south bank. Phase 2 will be constructed during the summer of 2020 and will include stabilizing the south streambank using a combination of riprap at the toe and soil bioengineering with native plantings extending up to the top of bank.

During Phase 1, approximately 400 cubic yards of ½ ton riprap will be installed along an approximately 210 linear-foot reach of the south bank, keyed in at the toe where feasible (and mounded where there is existing bedrock) and extending up the bank approximately 5 feet at approximately a 1.5:1 slope. The toe rock will be backfilled with approximately 125 cubic yards of gravel and sand, which will be removed from a gravel and sand bar growing in the center of the channel. Willows growing on the gravel and sand bar will be removed; and adequately sized branches will be preserved and used for construction during Phase 2. In order to provide temporary protection of the exposed archaeological site, the face of the site will be covered with non-woven filter fabric. Fabric will be draped over the top of the bank extending down the vertical bank approximately 8 feet. The fabric will be secured at the top of the bank by mounding approximately 23 yards of soil 3 feet back from the top of bank, and with landscaping fabric staples along the lower fabric facing.

During Phase 2, a combination of willow brush mattresses, willow wall revetment terraces, and native vegetation plantings will be constructed at a slope of 1.5-2:1 extending up the bank from the toe rock approximately 10-13 vertical feet. Approximately 1,300 cubic yards of soil fill will be used to reconstruct the streambank to pre-existing conditions.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: St. Supery, Inc.

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA because it includes minor private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation in Maxwell Creek. No mature, healthy, scenic trees will be removed as a result of the project.

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