

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

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Rancho Temescal Long Term Maintenance of Surface Water Diversion Pumps Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0215-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located on Piru Creek a tributary to the Santa Clara River, in the County of Ventura, California; Latitude N 34°27'6.76", Longitude W 118°45'16.60"; Assessor Parcel Number 016-0-210-02 and 055-0-070-03. The Project sites consist of three surface water diversion pumps at two separate locations. Location #1: Approximately 0.6 miles downstream of the Santa Felecia dam and upstream of the confluence of Lime Canyon and Piru creek. Location #2: Approximately 0.6 miles upstream of the Center Street bridge in the diversion pond operated by Piru Mutual Water Company.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0215-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Tim Cohen of Rancho Temescal. The Permittee has operated surface water diversion pumps at these same two locations through two previous CDFW agreements 1600-2001-0316-R5 and 1600-2008-0143-R5 Revision 1. The Permittee intends to alter the streambed by operating and maintaining (3) three surface water diversion pumps at two locations. Pump location #1 consists of two electric pumps and two screens, and are capable of diverting, 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm). Pump location #2 consists of one diesel pump and one screen, capable of diverting 500gpm. Each pump intake is fitted with a fine mesh screen.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Tim Cohen (Rancho Temescal)

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 consists of operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving no expansion beyond that existing at the time. This project includes the maintenance and operation of an existing private water pumping pits with no expansion beyond that of what is already existing.

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