

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Bencini Property Creek Remediation Project
(Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0167-R3)

Project Location: The project is located on a headwater tributary to Soquel Creek in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, APN 106-291-32. Project GPS coordinates are 37.073901, -121.828762

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0167-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Robert Bencini.

Permittee shall remediate the project site by 1) modifying two small concrete, cobble and grout check dams that occur in the creek channel such that they no longer impound water, remove PVC and other plastic pipes that occur on site, and 2) removing a 300-gallon plastic water storage tank, adjacent collapsible storage tank and all associated PVC pipes, fittings and junctures.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

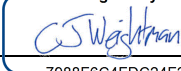
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Robert Bencini

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 – Minor restoration projects. California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The project footprint is less than 5 acres in size, will not impact sensitive or endangered plants or animals. All work will be done using hand tools and equipment and no heavy equipment will enter the channel. No hazardous materials exist in or around the project. The project purpose is to remove an instream diversion structure and associated apparatus, thereby returning water to the creek for benefit of wildlife and resources.

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