

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** Suscol Creek Blackberry Removal Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0143-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located on five parcels along an approximately 1.6-mile reach of Suscol Creek, a tributary to the Napa River, near 500 Suscol Creek Road in the City and County of Napa.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0143-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Silverado Premium Properties, LLC.

The project will remove approximately 4.87 acres of invasive Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) over approximately 2,474 feet from the banks of Suscol Creek, over a five-year period. A skid-steer with a front-mount masticator will be operated from approximately 10 feet outside top of bank to remove dense Himalayan blackberry stands. Project personnel will then remove mulched and any Himalayan blackberry stands that were not removed with the masticator by hand. After Himalayan blackberry removal, erosion control measures will be implemented on exposed bank surfaces and native riparian plantings will be planted in the late fall/early winter throughout the impacted reach. All blackberry removal areas will be monitored for a minimum 5-year period to control and remove any blackberry re-sprouts, and to monitor native riparian plantings.

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

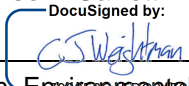
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Silverado Premium Properties, LLC

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation. The project will not result in the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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*Signature:*  *Date:* August 26, 2020  
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