

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** Himalayan Blackberry Removal (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SOL-13305-R3)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the intersection of W 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Carolina Drive in the City of Benicia, Solano County, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SOL-13305-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Fadel Hamed.

The project is limited to the removal of an approximately 25-foot wide, 7,379-square-foot area of Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) along an approximately 295-foot reach of the right bank of an unnamed tributary to the Carquinez Strait. A bobcat with a mini excavator and hand tools will be used to remove the blackberry with minimal ground disturbance. Work will start at top of bank and proceed away from the stream. Once the blackberry is removed from the top of bank, a silt fence will be installed along the top of bank to prevent sediment from entering the stream during work. Two partially dead willow trees, approximately 10 inches in diameter at breast height, will also be removed. In the late fall or early winter following blackberry removal, the entire 7,379-square-foot area will be revegetated with native trees, shrubs, and grasses. All removed blackberry will be taken off site and disposed at a proper yard waste facility.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Fadel Hamed

**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, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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