

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Various Projects within Sacramento County Regional Parks (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0233-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Regional Park Facilities within the boundaries of Sacramento County including but not limited to the Dry Creek Parkway, American River Parkway, and Mather Regional Park.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0233-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sacramento County Regional Parks, as represented by Michael Doane.

The project is limited to multiple routine maintenance projects that the entity will complete at different time periods during the project term and a description of a procedure the entity must follow for any covered maintenance projects. Authorized maintenance activities include debris or obstruction removal, beaver dam removal, silt, sand, or sediment removal, vegetation control in channels or on banks, minor erosion control work, road and trail maintenance, channel alignment maintenance, repair of facilities, boat ramp and dock maintenance, geotechnical sample, bridge washing, minor bridge maintenance, anthropogenic clean-ups, invasive species removal, and small habitat restorations.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Sacramento County Regional Parks

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1) and (33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15333.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 because the project includes only includes maintenance at existing facilities and involves no expansion of the existing use. Class 33 because the project includes small habitat restoration not exceeding a total of 5 acres in size that will not have a significant adverse impact to special status species, disturb or remove hazardous materials, or be significant when viewed in connection with past, current, or probable future projects.

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**ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Between State of California, Department
of Fish and Wildlife and Sacramento County Regional Parks for Various Projects
within Sacramento County Regional Parks**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), by and through its Environmental Program Manager, has taken final action to execute the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Between State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Sacramento County Regional Parks for Various Routine Maintenance Projects within Sacramento County Regional Parks. In taking its final agency action for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CDFW executed this Agreement relying on the categorical exemption for "Existing Facilities" and "Small Habitat Restoration Projects" contained in CEQA Guidelines section 15301 and 15333, respectively. The project involves routine maintenance of watercourses at existing parks within Sacramento County. Such activities generally include debris or obstruction removal, boat ramp maintenance, trail maintenance, and small habitat restorations or enhancements.

The Class 1 categorical exemption applies to the operation and maintenance of existing facilities. Specifically, a project is exempt from further review under CEQA if the project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. CDFW finds the execution of the Agreement with Sacramento County Regional Parks to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15301, the "existing facilities" exemption. This exemption is applicable because the project includes only includes maintenance at existing facilities and involves no expansion of the existing use.

The Class 33 categorical exemption applies small habitat restoration projects. Specifically, a project is exempt from further review under CEQA if the project does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. CDFW finds the execution of the Agreement with Sacramento County Regional Parks to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15333, the "small habitat restoration projects" exemption. This exemption is applicable because the project includes small habitat restoration and would not include a significant adverse impact to special-status species, disturbing or removal of hazardous materials, and would not be significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.