

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Elkhorn Slough Eelgrass and Oyster Restoration Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-16842-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur in Elkhorn Slough, approximately one- and one-half miles east of Moss Landing, Monterey County, California. Representative locations including Latitude 36.811913, Longitude -121.756700 (Minhoto and Hester’s Marsh), Latitude 36.813669, Longitude -121.767149 (Seal Bend Marsh), and Latitude 36.82283, Longitude -121.7413 (Parsons Complex).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MON-16842-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Elkhorn Slough Reserve.

The Project involves activities related to transplanting of eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) and the restoration of native Olympia oyster (*Ostrea lurida*) beds to locations within the Elkhorn Slough estuary.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Elkhorn Slough Reserve

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the collection of material and installation of eelgrass shoots and juvenile oysters to re-establish populations in Elkhorn Slough. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-16842-R4.

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