

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Equine Cleaning of Steelhead Creek Channel (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. SAC-20460-R2)

Project Location: The project is located along Steelhead Creek in the City of Sacramento, in the County of Sacramento, State of California; Latitude 38.60822, Longitude -121.468091, Assessor's Parcel Number 274-0143-001-000, between the Northgate and W. El Camino Bridges and time permitting, between the W. El Camino bridge and the confluence of Steelhead Creek and Arcade Creek.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. SAC-20460-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code with Save the American Association as represented by Dr. Roland Brady.

The project is limited to enhancement of Steelhead Creek through trash, debris, and invasive species removal. Considerable amounts of anthropogenic trash have accumulated on the channel bottom of the creek channel including but not limited to plastic tarps, textiles, and large items such mainly shopping carts, tires, and mattresses. The project is intended to remove these items to rehabilitate the creek bed to improve substrate functionality for aquatic organisms, reduce encumbrances to fish passage and improve flood conveyance. This project proposes to remove the larger debris embedded in the channel using a team of draft horses on the bank.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Save the American River Association

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1) and (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15304.

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 4 because the project is a private alteration in the condition of land which does not involve the removal any of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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