

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Viente Trust Remediation  
(Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS SCR 15812 R3)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located adjacent to a headwater tributary to Soquel Creek in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, on APNs 106-581-10 and 106-521-12, latitude 37.073901N, longitude - 121.828762W

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS SCR 15182 R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Barbara Viente.

Permittee shall remediate the project site by 1) modifying two small check dams such that they no longer impound water, remove all PVC and other plastic pipes, plastic sheeting and other diversion related apparatus from the site; 2) remove a footbridge and all trash, waste and debris present; and 3) install erosion control on all upslope areas.

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

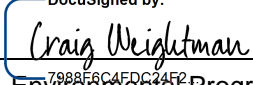
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Barbara Viente

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 – Minor restoration projects. California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project footprint is less than 5 acres in size and will not impact sensitive or endangered plants or animals. All work will be done using hand tools and equipment and no heavy equipment will enter any stream channel. No hazardous materials exist in or around the project. The project purpose is to remove an instream diversion structure, remove trash and debris, and prevent sediment input from erodible slopes, thereby improving stream flow and water quality for benefit of wildlife and resources.

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