

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Ormsby Cutoff Stream Crossing Remediation
(Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS SCR 20871 R3)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on a headwater tributary in the Upper Soquel Creek watershed in unincorporated Santa Cruz County at 1100 Ormsby Cutoff, Watsonville, California, APN 106-331-08, latitude 37.0695N, longitude -121.8215W

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS SCR 20871 R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Alan Walendowski. Permittee shall remediate the project site by decommissioning one stream crossing on a Class II tributary to upper Soquel Creek by 1) removing the existing failed culvert, 10 yd³ of associated fill and any existing trash or debris; and 2) dipping out the crossing and laying back the banks to repair the channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Alan Walendowski

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. No hazardous materials exist in or around the project. The project purpose is to remove a failed culvert and associated trash and debris, and restore the channel to reduce sediment input resulting from the crossing, thereby improving stream flow and water quality for benefit of wildlife and resources.

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