

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 1300 Ormsby Cutoff Crossings A and B
(Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS SCR 20252 R3)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on headwater tributaries in the Upper Soquel Creek watershed in Santa Cruz County at 1300 Ormsby Cutoff, Watsonville, California, APN 106-331-26, latitude 37.0629N, longitude -121.8281W

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS SCR 20252 R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Peter Wagner. Permittee shall remediate the project site by decommissioning two stream crossings on Class II tributaries to upper Soquel Creek by 1) at Location A: removing non-native material and performing minor excavation as necessary to stabilize the channel; and 2) at Location B: dipping out the existing crossing, removing 30-40yd³ of fill to re-establish a well-defined channel, and laying back of banks at no greater than 3H:1V as directed by the consulting engineer.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Peter Wagner

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 decommission and restore two stream crossings and remove associated sediment, trash and debris. This will reduce sediment input resulting from the crossings, thereby improving instream habitat and water quality for benefit of wildlife and resources.

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