

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -****To:**Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail:P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044**Street Address:**1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**From:**Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bay Delta Region
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Project Title: Upland Watercourse Restoration and Enhancement (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. SON-22045-R3)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at twelve unnamed tributaries to Dutch Bill Creek at 15290 Coleman Valley Road, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SON-22045-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Occidental Arts & Ecology Center.

The project is limited to strategic placement of on-site slash material into portions of ephemeral streams (unnamed tributaries) where head-cutting and channel incision are occurring in order to reduce erosion and sediment delivery downstream, eventually to Dutch Bill Creek. In areas where incision is occurring, fresh green bows will be placed parallel to the watercourse, limb-by-limb in the channel with the tips facing upstream in an interlocked fashion. Project sites will be accessed from existing forest roads. The process of strategic parallel placement typically begins at the active knickpoint of a headcut, followed by filling contiguous segments of entrenched channel downstream. The bows will be weaved together into a dense matrix to ensure thorough contact between biomass and the bed and banks of the channel to increase filtration surface area. The end result will be a densely packed but porous matrix that disperses the flow and energy of the water while trapping soil and leaf litter, disallowing further erosion and incision of the channel and mitigating headcut migration.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Occidental Arts & Ecology Center

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of minor alterations to land, water, and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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