

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Temecula Creek Enhancement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-12306-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Temecula Creek Enhancement Plan project (Project) is located on Temecula Creek and Pechanga Creek, both tributaries to the Santa Margarita River, in the southwest corner of the City of Temecula, just north of the Temecula Creek Inn Golf Course, in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.474608, Longitude -117.138333; Assessor’s Parcel Number 922-220-030.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. RIV-12306-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The Nature Conservancy.

The Project is limited to the restoration and monitoring of 55 acres of Temecula Creek and Pechanga Creek. The goals of the restoration project are to address ongoing threats to wildlife through enhancement of water and habitat quality. The restoration activities that are proposed to reach these goals include: a) surveys to document baseline vegetation, wildlife use, noise, water quality and human disturbance; b) invasive species plant control; c) riparian habitat restoration; d) fencing and signage to prevent unauthorized public access; e) noise abatement measures for the State Route 15 Temecula Creek Bridge; f) an eight-year restoration, trespass, water quality, and noise monitoring and maintenance plan; and g) a long-term, 25-year, multi-agency management and monitoring plan. Equipment that will be used for restoration activities within the creek bed include string-trimmers, herbicide backpack sprayers, chainsaws, and shovels.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: The Nature Conservancy

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is limited to the restoration and monitoring of riparian habitat and will result in minor alterations to the land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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