

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Slippery Rock Ranch Riparian Habitat Restoration (Request No. 1652-2021-047-001-R5)

Project Applicant: Madars Ozolins, Slippery Rock Ranch LLC

Project Location (include county): The Project is accessed at 6400 Cathedral Oaks Road and located 1.2 miles down N. La Patera Lane past the second bridge crossing over San Pedro Creek north of the City of Goleta, County of Santa Barbara.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Slippery Rock Ranch Riparian Habitat Restoration submitted by Madars Ozolins.

The primary purpose of the Project is native plant restoration and invasive plant control. The Project includes the removal of approximately acre of non-native vegetation associated with *Eucalyptus globulus* Woodland Semi-Natural Alliance including 93 non-native blue gum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*) trees and invasive understory species. Following this removal in the same location will be the revegetation and monitoring of *Platanus racemosa-Salix lasiandra- Populus fremontii/Salix lasiolepis* Woodland Alliance habitat with the primary goal of improving the habitat quality for fish and wildlife. Habitat quality will be increased by eliminating competitive non-native vegetation and opening space to provide an opportunity for native vegetation establishment. Specifically, the Project will provide a net benefit to the native fish and wildlife species including southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) by removing the monocultural habitat, allowing germination of native seeds in the soil, increasing biodiversity, increasing forage and refugia for wildlife, increasing surface water percolation into the ground, and increasing the amount of water available in the stream.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Madars Ozolins

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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