

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Soledad Thousand Trails Bridge Installation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-LAN-21470-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at 4700 Crown Valley Road, Acton, 93510, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California; and can be located using the following: USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle Acton, Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 13 East; Latitude 34.446332, Longitude -118.207034. The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) associated with this project is 3209-016-025.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-LAN-21470-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jeff Kimes.

The project is limited to the Soledad Thousand Trails bridge installation on the Santa Clara River. It is the follow-up to a previous Agreement (1600-2018-0225-R5), where a temporary crossing of nine culverts was installed on the Santa Clara River to allow for vehicular and foot traffic. The previous project was intended as a temporary fix while a permanent solution was being developed. The temporary crossing of nine culverts with a road top and rip rap was installed in 2018. For the new Project, the temporary crossing will be removed in its entirety before construction on the bridge commences. The Permittee will use heavy machinery, (including a crane, backhoe, tractors, and graders) to remove the road top, all fill, nine pipes, and the riprap. After the temporary crossing is removed, bridge construction will occur. The new permanent semi-span bridge will be constructed of yellow pine timber, and will be 320 feet long by 28 feet wide, with nine spans that are supported by rows of pilings (piers). There will be northern and southern abutments as well as 8 piers installed to support the bridge. Riprap around the piers will be installed below grade next to the piers. After the bridge is installed, habitat restoration will occur around the site and non-native species will be removed. Temporary crossing removal, bridge construction, and habitat restoration have the potential to result in permanent impacts to 0.11 acres of alluvial scrub habitat and temporary impacts to 0.39 acres of alluvial scrub habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

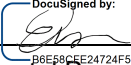
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Equity Lifestyle/MHC TT, L.P., represented by Jeff Kimes

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects, Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is less than five acres, involves the replacement of a culvert crossing with a bridge within a similar footprint, will not significantly impact any sensitive resources, and will restore and stabilize the streambank using native vegetation and bioengineering techniques to reduce or eliminate erosion and sedimentation.

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