

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: San Diego Creek Pothole Boring (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-ORA-28348-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at San Diego Creek, tributary to Upper Newport Bay. The project is located at the State Route 133 (SR-133) southbound bridge crossing San Diego Creek at the Interstate 405 interchange, in the County of Orange, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. ORA-28348-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Thomas Bonkowski, representing Irvine Ranch Water District.

The project involves excavating five pothole trenches within the San Diego Creek streambed to determine the boundary of one sewer pipeline. The streambed will be returned to existing conditions following the excavations.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Irvine Ranch Water District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: The project entails obtaining information on the total extent of the pipeline within the streambed to determine whether the pipeline will need to be relocated for a larger California Department of Transportation project which will involve excavating the streambed in the same area.

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