

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Arroyo Conejo Invasive Plant Removal Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-VEN-21148-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located 1.8 miles downstream of Hillcrest Drive in Thousand Oaks, California, within Ventura County. The Project site can be located using the following information: Latitude 34.19122°, Longitude - 118.91641°; Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 667-0-072-075, 663-0-060-185, 526-0-150-225, 526-0-162-195, and 526-0-110-385.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-VEN-21148-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Brian Stark.

The project is limited to the Arroyo Conejo Invasive Plant Removal project on the Arroyo Conejo Creek. The Project consists of the restoration of riparian habitats and removal of non-native vegetation in a high fire hazard severity zone along Arroyo Conejo Creek in Thousand Oaks, CA. The target species for removal are giant reed (*Arundo donax*) and Mexican fan palm (*Washingtonia robusta*). The total area colonized by giant reed is approximately 2.02 acres and there are approximately 60 mature Mexican fan palms within the project reach. Non-native vegetation removal has the potential to result in permanent impacts to 2.2 acres of streambed.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, represented by Brian Stark

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project is less than five acres, will not significantly impact any sensitive resources, and will remove invasive species from the area.

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