

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)



4/27/2022

Project Title: Flood Risk Reduction in the Rheem Creek WatershedProject Applicant: City of Richmond, Engineering & CIP

Project Location - Specific:

Rheem Creek, from Annapolis Ave to the Contra Costa College Parking lot

Project Location – City: RichmondProject Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will reduce flood risk and enhance fish and wildlife habitat by removing invasive species and excessive sediment buildup, grading a geomorphically stable channel, and planting native riparian vegetation to shade out invasive and improve creek habitat. The project will use nature-based solutions to improve the ecological function of the Rheem Creek watershed while reducing flood risk, sequestering carbon, and enhancing green space.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources AgencyName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Richmond, Department of Water ResourcesExempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Project
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Project exemption. The project area is less than one acre and would not pose an adverse impact to endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat, will not disturb hazardous materials, and will not result in significant impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Becki AbramsArea Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-6354**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 4/28/2022 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code