

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** Removal of Invasive Submerged Invasive Aquatic Vegetation for Salmonid Predation Study (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SJN-27082-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located on the southeastern side of Bacon Island, in unincorporated San Joaquin County, on Middle River, which is tributary to the San Joaquin River, Stockton, California. Approximate project midpoint coordinates are Latitude 37.950460, Longitude -121.534357.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SJN-27082-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the University of California, Santa Cruz/ NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center, as represented by Steve Lindley.

The project is limited to removal of approximately 2,000 yd<sup>3</sup> of invasive species of submerged aquatic vegetation from the southeastern shoreline of Bacon Island, within a plot 1,000 feet long and 25 feet wide that has been divided into transects for designation of control and treatment areas as part of a study on the effects of submerged aquatic vegetation on juvenile salmonid predation rates.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Steve Lindley, University of California, Santa Cruz/ NOAA Fisheries Southwest Science Center

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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