

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Searsville Reservoir Representative Sediment Core Sampling and Geotechnical Core Sampling Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SMO-27988-R3)

Project Location: The Project is located at Searsville Lake and San Francisquito Creek, in the County of San Mateo, State of California; Accessors Parcel Number 075-293-020; Latitude 37.40630, Longitude -122.23790.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SMO-27988-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Karla Smith.

The Project will conduct sediment core samplings and geotechnical core samplings within the Searsville Reservoir area including one geotechnical core sampling below Searsville dam in San Francisquito Creek. Sediment core sampling is needed to evaluate sediment quality to help Stanford assess and characterize the presence, location, and extent of constituents in accumulated sediment trapped behind the dam. Geotechnical core sampling is needed to obtain data on the soil and rock conditions to facilitate detailed design of the modifications to the dam (i.e., trestle to facilitate construction of new tunnel outlet and plunge pool). The sediment core sampling and geotechnical core sampling are being done to collect background information for the future Searsville Watershed Restoration Project.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Stanford University

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (6); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15306)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of basic data collection activities that do not result in major disturbances to an environmental resource.

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