

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Long Term Annual Maintenance of Debris Basins in Los Angeles County (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2008-0290-R5)

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Project Location (include county): The project is located within 197 debris basins located in multiple watersheds within the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The debris basins are tributary to the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Santa Monica Bay, Dominguez Channel, and Santa Clara River watersheds.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2008-0290-R5 Amendment – A7, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). LACFCD proposes to conduct routine maintenance activities at 23 additional debris basin facilities. These activities include debris removal, tree trimming, vegetation mowing, brush clearance, entrainment channel maintenance, sediment removal, and access road maintenance. The project does not involve any additional construction or other activities, and it is limited to ongoing maintenance activities required to protect downstream property and infrastructure from potential damage caused by flooding and debris flows. Routine maintenance activities are authorized within 197 debris basin facilities operated by LACFCD.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301;

Reasons why project is exempt: *Class 1, Section 15301:* This project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the Lead Agency’s determination.

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