

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Valley Memorial Park Eucalyptus Removal Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MAN-32211-R3)

Project Location (Marin County): The project is located at Rush Creek, a tributary to Black John Slough, adjacent to address 650 Bugeia Lane in the city of Novato, County of Marin, State of California. It is located at approximate Latitude 38.125200°, Longitude -122.544171° and the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) is 143-151-15.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAN-32211-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Novato Fire Protection District.

The project is limited to removing dead, downed vegetation, and non-native trees along the banks of Rush Creek adjacent to Valley Memorial Park Cemetery and Funeral Home and the Rush Creek Open Space Preserve.

The project will remove 1,076 non-native *Eucalyptus* trees, and other trees and shrubs that are infected with *Hymenochaetaceae* fungus and scale-insect disease. The project area will be replanted with 460 native nursery sourced riparian plant species and the stream bank will be stakes with 300 native locally sourced tree stakes. The project will have an impact of 1.4 acres of riparian habitat adjacent to Rush Creek. All heavy equipment will operate from adjacent existing access road and will not enter the wetted channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Novato Fire Protection District

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: *Class 33, Section 15333;* This project is exempt because it does not exceed 5 acres in size and includes restoration of riparian vegetation and invasive species removal along Rush Creek.

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