

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Channel Repair at the Hess Creek Restoration Project (Adaptive Management Repair) (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-31060-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at Hess Creek, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.97097, Longitude -121.91958, Section 36, Township 2N, Range 1W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Clayton in the Mt. Diablo meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 075-080-011-0.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-31060-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy.

The purpose of this project is to stabilize a head cut and restore step-pool habitat at a restoration site in the headwaters of Hess Creek. This will be accomplished by installing a staked log jam, consisting of three logs embedded into the stream channel to a depth of 4 feet, disturbing approximately 10 linear feet of channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Abigail Fateman, East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land. Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4, Section 15304. This project is exempt because it consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation. It also does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Class 33, Section 15333; The project is exempt because it does not exceed five acres in size and includes restoration of a head cut in Hess Creek.

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