

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Somis Balcom Canyon Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-20467-R5)

**Project Location (Santa Barbara County):** The Somis Balcom Canyon project (Project) is located 0.20 miles north of South Mountain Lookout Road in Ventura County, California. The Project site can be located using the following information: Latitude 34.33010°, Longitude - 118.98477°; Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 14 West of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Moorpark, California 7.5-minute quadrangle map. Assessor's Parcel Number 108-0-030-050.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-20467-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project proposes to restore riparian habitat and remove non-native vegetation in response to a CDFW Notice of Violation (NOV) in which unpermitted grading, creation of an access road, and the placement of 6 culverts occurred on the Project site (NOV Tracking Number 1600-2020-9006-R5). The projects will restore 9 unnamed ephemeral drainage areas to offset previous unpermitted impacts. Approximately 0.67 acres/7,377 linear feet of non-native-dominated drainages within the Project site will be restored and enhanced. After planting of native vegetation has occurred, the restored areas will be maintained and monitored for a period of 5 years.

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

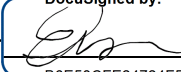
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Somis Agricultural Development, LLC**

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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