

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
1701 Nimbus Road  
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**Project Title:** Fiber Optic Stream and Drainage Channel Crossings (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-34557-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at eight watercourses within the City of Elk Grove in Sacramento County, State of California. The project includes four crossings at Franklin Creek, two crossings at the Ehrhardt Channel and two crossings at Elk Grove Creek.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number SAC-34557-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Crown Castle, LLC. as represented by Benjamin Phalen

The project is limited to the installation of fiber optic lines using horizontal direction drilling (HDD). The cables will be installed underground under existing watercourse culvert crossings. The cable installation includes three 1.5-inch-high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes with a tracer wire to a depth of approximately 20 feet below this surface level elevation of each culvert crossing. The entry and receiving pits for the boring operations, as well as all equipment and staging areas, will be located outside of watercourses in upland areas. No equipment or materials will need to enter any watercourse channels and the project will not result in any ground disturbance within any stream/drainage channels. All crossings would be under existing culverts.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Crown Castle, LLC.

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 4 because the project involves only a minor alteration to the condition of land and does not include the removal of any mature, healthy, or scenic trees.

**CDFW Contact Person:** Dylan Wood, Environmental Scientist, (916) 358-2384

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