

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Belonick Bridge (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-32541-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Matanzas Creek, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.387455°, Longitude -122.611617°; 6501 Jamison Road, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404; Assessor’s Parcel Number 049-020-035.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-32541-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Paul Belonick.

The project is limited to the construction of a 12-foot-wide and 40-foot-long free-span vehicular bridge. Bridge construction will include installation of associated drilled piers and wing walls outside of the top of bank of Matanzas Creek. The abutments, wing walls, and bridge deck will cause a permanent impact to the riparian habitat of approximately 680 square feet and 25 linear feet. Grading and installation of the bridge will cause a temporary impact to the riparian habitat of approximately 2,700 square feet. Access will occur via existing vineyard roads. As part of the project, six oak (*Quercus*. sp.) trees will be removed from the riparian habitat.

The project will also include the installation of two four-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes for utilities across the creek, approximately 100 feet northwest (downstream) of the new bridge location. The pipes will be installed at least 10 feet below the creek bed using a jack and bore method, and drilling fluids will not be used therefore there is no potential for a frac-out. Bore pits on either side of the creek will be outside of the riparian habitat and will not cause any impacts.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul Belonick

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

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