

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Crocker Bridge Bike and Pedestrian Passage (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-32700-R3)

**Project Location (Sonoma County):** The project is located at the Russian River, where Crocker Street Crosses the Russian River immediately east of the City of Cloverdale, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.809173°, Longitude -123.007848°; Assessor's Parcel Number 116-240-024.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-32700-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works.

The project is limited to widening the existing Crocker Street Bridge to provide pedestrian and cyclist access across the Russian River. The existing bridge is 28 feet wide and 527 feet long and supported by six piers set in the Russian River channel. The pedestrian and cyclist addition to the bridge will be located on the north side of the existing bridge. It will measure 10 feet wide and 506 feet long and be supported by the existing bridge piers. New abutments will be constructed for the pedestrian and cyclist pathway, both of which will be located outside of the river channel and at the top of bank. Abutments will be installed with cast-in-drilled hole piles. No in-water work or dewatering will occur as part of this project. If channel access is required, activities will be limited to the dry gravel areas. Staging and access will occur via existing roadways. The project will result in approximately 653 square feet of permanent impact to riparian habitat, and approximately 3,049 square feet of temporary impact to riparian habitat. The riparian corridor contains oak (*Quercus* sp.) trees, annual grasslands, and other riparian species. No trees will be removed as part of this project.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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