

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Robert's Family Farm (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-30744-R3)

**Project Location (Santa Cruz County):** **Project Location 1:** The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to Green Valley Creek, accessed from 140 Smith Road, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.98030, Longitude -121.74943; APN 109-171-17. **Project Location 2:** The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to Green Valley Creek, accessed from 140 Smith Road, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.98169, Longitude -121.74641; APN 109-171-27.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-30744-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Joe Hanna.

The Project is limited to the construction of a driveway over a stream crossing, replacement of a culvert, and obstructing natural streamflow via an existing on-stream reservoir. Construction of the driveway will follow the alignment of a farm road to provide access to a new single-family residence. The driveway will cross an unnamed tributary and will require the replacement of an existing damaged 14-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe (RCP). A new 22-linear-foot, 24-inch diameter culvert will be installed to accommodate the new driveway. A four-foot-high concrete wall will be installed along the north end of the culvert. A two-foot-high retaining wall will be installed between the roadway and both a 60-inch diameter at breast height (dbh) coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), and a 24-inch diameter dbh coast live oak, which will both be protected in place. An existing on-stream reservoir will be operated by fill and spill for aesthetic purposes for a future home. No water will be pumped or otherwise diverted from reservoir.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Joe Hanna

**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (3 & 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15303 & 15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed Project includes construction of one-single family dwelling and accessory structures including a driveway with proposed grading activities on slopes less than 10%.

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