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Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
CEQA Submit

From:
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Bay Delta Region
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Project Title: Aikawa Pond Channel Stabilization Phase 2 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. 1600-2019-0328-R3)

Project Location (Napa County): The Project is located with the University of California, Davis Donald and Sylvia McLaughlin Natural Reserve at Aikawa Pond, a man-made pond that occurs along a seasonal unnamed tributary to Hunting Creek, in the County of Napa, State of California; Latitude 38.85472°N, Longitude 122.39631°W; Assessor's Parcel Number 015-010-014.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. EPIMS-1600-2019-0328-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to University of California, Davis.

The Project is limited to the stabilization of a portion of the stream bank, downstream of Aikawa Pond, which is experiencing erosion due to fire and flooding that damaged the upstream dam. The Project will remove and replace the existing rock chute that conveys outflow from the pond. The new rock chute will be approximately 1,152 square feet along 72 linear feet and be contained within the footprint of the historic dam. Dam fill will also be laid back on the west end of the dam crest to reduce the steepness of the dam face and create a more natural contour to better establish native vegetation, as the current dam face is too steep and only supports non-native annual grasses and herbaceous plants. The Project will result in new permanent impacts to approximately 22 linear feet and 62 square feet of stream and riparian habitat, and temporary impacts to approximately 0.2 acres and 172 linear feet stream and riparian habitat. No trees will be removed and all disturbed areas with the potential for erosion will be stabilized with weed-free biowattles as needed and seeded with native seed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Davis

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Classes 1, 2, and 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301, 15302, and 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is limited to the repair of an existing structure and will result in negligible or no expansion of use. The Project will include reconstruction of an existing structure that will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. The Project does not exceed five acres and will maintain, restore, enhance, and protect habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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