

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-37553-R3)

**Project Location (San Mateo County):** The Project is located at Butano Creek, a tributary to Pescadero Creek, at 4350 Cloverdale Road, Pescadero, in the County of San Mateo, State of California. The Project is centered at approximately NAD83 Latitude 37.23663°, Longitude -122.37736° and the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) is 086-080-030.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-37553-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to San Mateo Resource Conservation District.

The Project will restore floodplain connectivity and enhance stream flows in Butano Creek to benefit native fish and wildlife, including San Francisco garter snake and coho salmon. The project will create approximately 4.2-acres of inset floodplain and increase the frequency of activation of more than 100 acres of historical floodplain in the Pescadero-Butano watershed, while also increasing in-channel and floodplain habitat complexity through the installation of multiple large wood structures. The project will also increase off-channel storage associated with an existing water right to forebear diversion during the summer low-flow season.

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

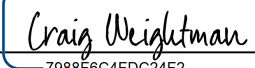
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Mateo Resource Conservation District

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. Cal. Pub. Resource Code Section 21080.56 Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects
- Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Cal. Pub. Resource Code Section 21080.56; This project is exempt because it is exclusively restoration intended to restore, protect, and enhance the habitat for California native fish and wildlife.

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