Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region 2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100



Project Title: Friends of the Petaluma River – Small Boat Dock (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-34946-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at the Petaluma River, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.233933°, Longitude -122.632731°; entrance to project site at 6 Copeland Street, Petaluma, CA, 94952.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-34946-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kallie Kull.

The project is limited to the removal of an existing dock measuring approximately 1,168 square feet, and replacement with a new floating dock measuring 916 square feet to be used for small boat staging and launching. The new dock will be prefabricated and made of polyethylene or similar high durability inert plastic material. Construction of the new dock will include anchoring of the dock with three 16-inch diameter fiberglass or steel pilings installed into the riverbed, impacting approximately 4 square feet of open channel habitat. Construction will also include installation of 40-foot-long gangway ramp from the bank to the dock that will measure approximately 120 square feet and will be located within the footprint of the existing dock. A 15 square foot concrete footing to anchor the gangway will be constructed at the top of bank. The project will not have any new permanent impacts. Temporary impacts will be limited to the footprint of the existing dock and associated access infrastructure, with the footprint of the existing dock to be replanted with appropriate brackish marsh plants upon completion of project activities. Access and staging will occur via existing roads, trails, and previously disturbed area in the footprint of the current dock to be removed. Some minor trimming of willow (Salix sp.) trees will be required but no trees will be removed as part of this project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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	Statutory Exemption.
	Categorical Exemption. Type – (2); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15302)

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of replacement of existing structures and facilities where new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially same purpose and size.

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Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Kallie Kull