

Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123



Project Title: Long Term Annual Maintenance of Debris Basins in Los Angeles County (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2008-0290-R5 Amendment A9)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located within 197 debris basins located in multiple watersheds within the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The debris basins are tributary to the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Santa Monica Bay, Dominguez Channel, and Santa Clara River watersheds.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2008-0290-R5 Amendment – A9, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). LACFCD proposes to continue project activities related to the routine maintenance of 197 debris basin facilities. These activities include debris removal, tree trimming, vegetation mowing, brush clearance, entrainment channel maintenance, sediment removal, and access road maintenance. The project does not involve any additional construction or other activities, and it is limited to ongoing maintenance activities required to protect downstream property and infrastructure from potential damage caused by flooding and debris flows. The present Amendment is limited to: (1) correcting the name of one debris basin facility, (2) authorizing more frequent sediment removal from smaller debris basins, and (3) adding a special permit condition specific to Nichols Debris Basin authorizing more frequent sediment removal.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: *Class 1, Section 15301;* This project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the Lead Agency’s determination.

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