

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** The Great LA River Cleanup (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-LAN-30125-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** The project is located at 15 different locations along the Los Angeles River. Cleanup efforts will be focused on natural bottom sections of the river at the Sepulveda Basin, Glendale Narrows, and near the estuaries at the mouth of the river near Long Beach. The 15 specific cleanup locations are: Sepulveda Basin, Bull Creek, South Reserve, Bette Davis Picnic Area, Glendale Riverwalk, North Atwater Park, Bond Park, Red Car Bridge, Lewis MacAdams Park, Elysian Valley Park, Maywood Riverfront Park, Steelhead Park, Compton Creek, and Willow Street Estuary.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-LAN-30125-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Friends of the Los Angeles River.

The project is limited to the annual cleanup and removal of trash and debris from the Los Angeles River. Volunteers assisting the Friends of the Los Angeles River will implement the cleanup efforts, and all trash and debris removal will only be done by hand. This amendment adds Golden Shore Marine reserve to the list of cleanup locations.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** FRIENDS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. This includes the maintenance of wildlife habitat areas, streamflows, and stream channels (clearing of debris) to protect fish and wildlife resources. The project proposes to remove trash and debris by hand from sections of the Los Angeles River, focusing on soft bottom sections. Any temporary impacts will be restored to pre-project conditions. No permanent impacts will occur as a result.

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