

# Notice of Exemption

Form D

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
5550 Skylane Boulevard  
Santa Rosa CA, 95403  
Phone 707-576-2220  
Fax 707-523-0135  
Email: [NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov)

**Project Title:** Shiloh Ranch Regional Park Riparian Restoration Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 38.526492, -122.744587

**Project Location - City:** Windsor

**Project Location - County:** Sonoma

**Description of Project:** The project will address ongoing erosion within a stream channel and pond by filling the existing gullies, both up- and down-stream of the pond; creating a new spillway and, ultimately, realigning the downstream creek bed with its original footprint. The end result will be a shallow meadow channel with a gentler slope to slow flow and spread water over a larger area downstream of the pond, better mimicking a stable headwater channel. The new rock-lined spillway would be built to mimic a step-pool channel, with many small drops and spaces for water to pool. All rock grade control structures and channels would be planted with native plants to minimize visual impact, improve stability, and provide a connected wildlife corridor. Upstream, the sediment basin would be filled in to create a small wetland and a biotechnical log grade control would smooth and grade the upper gully.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Minona Heaviland, Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption; Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project will address ongoing erosion within a stream channel, which in turn, will improve water quality and aquatic habitat within the treatment reach as well as in the lower watershed. The total project is less than five acres in size, and there will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat.

**Lead Agency Contact:** Jake Shannon

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 707-576-2673

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:** JAKE SHANNON Jake Shannon **Date:** July 19, 2023 **Title:** Restoration Specialist

- Signed by Lead Agency
  - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_