

Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Bay Delta Region
 2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
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Project Title: 145 Canyon Road Wall Replacement (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MAN-27091-R3)

Project Location (Marin): The project is located at San Anselmo Creek, in the County of Marin, State of California; Latitude 37.976658, Longitude -122.61003; in the northeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 7 West of the Mount Diablo Base Range and Meridian, U.S. Geological Survey San Rafael quadrangle; 145 Canyon Road, Fairfax, CA 94930.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAN-27091-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Town of Fairfax.

The project is limited to installing a new 90-foot long and 10-foot tall soldier pile timber lagging retaining wall and placing rip-rap on the bank of San Anselmo Creek, to support Canyon Road. Sixteen 18-inch diameter holes will be drilled into the creek bank one to three feet toward the thalweg of the existing, failing retaining wall. Steel beams will be placed in the holes, then the holes will be filled with cement. Four-inch by 12-inch lumber lagging will be placed perpendicular to the steel beams to create the retaining wall. The new wall will be attached through the old wall to the slope with tiebacks; the old wall is being retained to support Canyon Road and allow access to residences during project construction. The area between the new and existing retaining walls will be filled with soil compacted to 90%, except for a 12-inch drain layer adjacent to the new wall to be composed of permeable material. Ten square feet of rip-rap will be placed at the upstream end of the new retaining wall and 18 square feet at the downstream end. Cobbles from the bed adjacent to the old retaining wall will be removed prior to demolition and stockpiled; these will be placed at the base of the new wall with up to one cubic yard of imported rip-rap.

Nine trees will be removed, including four California bay trees (*Umbellularia californica*), two California buckeyes (*Aesculus californica*), and three Valley oaks (*Quercus lobata*). Dewatering will not occur as part of this project, and all equipment will be operated from the top-of-bank. Approximately 110 square feet and 55 linear feet of San Anselmo Creek will be temporarily impacted by the project and approximately 199 square feet and 90 linear feet will be permanently impacted by the project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Town of Fairfax

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15302

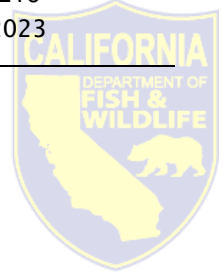
Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of repair and maintenance of an existing structure involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. In addition, the Project consists of replacement and reconstruction of the structure with the new structure located on the same site as the structure replaced and having substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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