

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Russian River County Sanitation District Geotechnical Investigation (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-40661-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at the Russian River, where Summer Bridge Road crosses the river, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.483323°, Longitude -123.011022°; Assessor's Parcel Number 071-250-032.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-40661-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma County Water Agency.

The project is limited to geotechnical borings and site preparation required to conduct the borings. The project consists of vegetation and tree removal from the site to facilitate use of a drill rig, excavation and grading to create a temporary drilling pad, and drilling of a total two approximately 6-inch diameter bore holes to a depth of approximately 100 feet below the ground surface. Boring will occur in two locations, with one bore hole per location. The first location is on the east side of the river in an existing gravel parking lot and will not require any vegetation removal or grading and will not cause any impact to riparian habitat. The second location is on the west side of the river and will require vegetation clearing and grading, resulting in approximately 3,912 square feet of temporary impact to riparian habitat. Upon completion of the process, the bore holes will be backfilled with a concrete slurry and capped with 12-inches of native soil. The site will then be restored with native riparian vegetation. No permanent structures or fill will remain onsite after the completion of the project. Approximately 10 trees will be removed as part of this project. As part of the project, approximately 4,911 square feet of riparian habitat will be restored or enhanced and approximately 50 native riparian trees will be replanted.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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