

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bay Delta Region
2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
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Project Title: Flood Risk Reduction in the Rheem Creek Watershed Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-28629-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located on Rheem Creek; Latitude 37.966355, Longitude -122.332559; spanning multiple privately owned Assessor's Parcel Numbers within unincorporated Contra Costa County, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-28629 -R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Richmond, as represented by Mary Phelps.

The project consists of: the removal of six trees (e.g., *Salix spp.*, *Fraxinus spp.*) and primarily non-native vegetation (i.e., *Rubus armeniacus*) along 1,500 linear feet of creek; mass grading and removal of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris; replacement in-kind of two eight-inch storm drains; installation of two new riprap stormwater outfalls; the application of biodegradable erosion control measures; and the installation and maintenance of native vegetation throughout the project area footprint.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Richmond

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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