

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Douglas Ranch Preserve Vegetation Management (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-37378-R2)

Project Location: The project site is located at an unnamed tributary to Strap Ravine, in the County of Placer, State of California; approximately centered at Latitude 38.748084, Longitude -121.203903 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees). The project area covered by the Agreement is limited to the approximately 31-acre Douglas Ranch Preserve (Preserve).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-37378-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Douglas Ranch Owners Association.

The project is limited to fire fuel abatement work within the Preserve intended to address the Placer County Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance (Placer County Ordinance 6015-B), and the determination by South Placer Fire Department Division Chief/Fire Marshall Jeff Ingolia that extremely hazardous fire conditions exist in the Preserve. The proposed activities would be limited to clearing low stature vegetation (i.e., weeds, shrubs, and grasses) with hand tools, trimming/thinning of shrubs and trees to raise the canopy and eliminate ground cover/brush/ladder fuels within the drip lines, and removal of dead, diseased, and/or non-native trees.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Douglas Ranch Owners Association

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304(i)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 because the project consists of fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures based on the determination by the local public agency with fire protection responsibility that fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions. Project activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion or sedimentation of surface waters.

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