

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Healdsburg Routine Maintenance Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-31433-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Foss Creek and unnamed tributaries to Foss Creek and the Russian River within the city limits of the City of Healdsburg, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.610466°, Longitude -122.869161°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-31433-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Healdsburg.

The Project is limited to routine maintenance activities, which are defined as activities that are scheduled and implemented as necessary to maintain hydraulic capacity of Foss Creek and unnamed tributaries within the City of Healdsburg.

Maintenance activities considered to be “routine” are described in Attachment A of the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. The definition of terms are described in Attachment B of the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. In summary these activities include:

- 1) vegetation management including trimming back of vegetation from creek channels using non-motorized hand tools and mechanical cutters, shredders, string trimmers, and chainsaws. No more than 1,000 linear feet of vegetation management shall occur in each contiguous channel. Patches of riparian vegetation shall be left intact to serve as wildlife habitat;
- 2) sediment removal from concrete lined creek channels and existing outfalls; removal of dead and fallen trees within the channels. Removal of accumulated sediment from concrete lined creek channels and existing outfalls, not to exceed 300 cubic yards annually; and
- 3) debris removal from homeless encampments and illegal dumping.

Routine maintenance does not include: 1) any activities other than the activities described above, and 2) the removal or damage of riparian vegetation except as described in this Agreement.

For fee purposes, a project is defined as a routine maintenance activity performed by the City of Healdsburg during a given year in an identified specific area. Each annual activity shall be considered to be one project. A project does not include minor debris removal such as minor tree trimming, removing a shopping cart or a bag of garbage.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Healdsburg

Exempt Status:

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

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

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