

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Crane Creek Vineyard Culvert Replacement (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-40839-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.367193, Longitude -122.665421; U.S. Geological Survey map Cotati; Assessor's Parcel Number 045-202-019-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-40839-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Flat Iron Farms.

The project is limited to replacement of an undersized culvert at an agricultural road crossing and repairing an eroding stream bank. The project would replace the existing 48-inch diameter culvert with an 84-inch diameter, 29-foot long corrugated metal pipe culvert and repair an eroding stream bank on the downstream eastern bank. The bottom 12-inches of the culvert would be filled with 6-inch diameter rock to emulate the natural stream bottom. Existing riprap on the upstream side of the culvert would be removed, and the eroded banks stabilized with less than 30-inch diameter rock riprap extending approximately 10 feet upstream and 20 feet downstream from the culvert. Live willow (*Salix* sp.) stakes will be planted between the riprap rocks.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Flat Iron Farms

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: This project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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