## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

## From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife South Coast Region 5 3883 Ruffin Rd. San Diego, CA 92123

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**Project Title:** 

Skyline Ranch PD 2628 Concrete Channel Maintenance Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-40517-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** The Skyline Ranch PD 2628 Concrete Channel Maintenance (Project) is located at the recently graded Skyline Ranch Residential Development in Los Angeles County. The Project comprises an existing storm drain easement (referenced herein as PD 2628) west of Skyline Ranch Road. The concrete-lined channel maintenance area associated with PD 2628 is located between latitude 34.429456, longitude -118.464724 and latitude 34.429765, longitude -118.463177. Aerial maps of the Project Location are included as Exhibit 1.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-40517-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to TriPointe Homes as represented by Keith Frankel.

The Project consists of periodic maintenance of a concrete-lined channel associated with Private Drain 2628 (PD 2628) to maintain the design capacity and to reduce the risk of flooding. The Project will result in impacts to 0.28 acre of unvegetated concrete-lined trapezoidal channel associated with periodic maintenance. These activities include the use of backhoes, loaders, dump trucks, and other mechanical equipment to remove sediment, debris, trash, algae, and dead vegetation from the channel invert. During channel clearing, the Permittee will remove material from the channels several times a year to maintain the design capacity, reduce offensive odors, prevent unwanted vegetation growth, and eliminate breeding grounds for mosquitoes

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: TriPointe Homes as represented by Keith Frankel

Exempt Status:
☐ Statutory Exemption.
☐ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public or private structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing of former use. The Project consists of maintenance activities such as sediment and vegetation removal from an existing concrete-lined channel.

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