

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Watersedge Tamarisk Removal Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-47156-R6)

**Project Location (Riverside County):** The project is located at Lake Elsinore, tributary to the Santa Ana River, in Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.661453, Longitude - 117.322666; within Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 4 West within the Lake Elsinore United States Geologic Service (USGS) 7.5 series quadrangle map; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 373-330-001, 373-330-002, 373-330-003, 373-330-004, 373-330-005, 373-330-006, 373-330-007, 373-330-009, 373-330-010, 373-330-011, 373-330-012, 373-330-013, 373-330-014, 373-330-015, 373-330-016, 373-330-017, 373-330-018, 373-330-019, 373-330-020, 373-330-021, 373-330-022, 373-300-038, 373-300-039, 373-300-040, and 373-300-041. The project site is approximately 77 acres and located south of Lakeshore Drive, west of Lakepoint Park, east of Lucerne Street, and north of the inlet channel to Lake Elsinore.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-47156-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Watersedge Elsinore Associates, LLC.

The project is limited to the removal of tamarisk throughout approximately 60 acres of the project site. Tamarisk removal will be accomplished by grinding trees and shrubs down to just above ground level utilizing a tree grinding machine. All removed tamarisk trees and shrubs will be chipped and spread as mulch. The remaining stumps will then be spot treated by herbicide application. Application will consist of either spot application to individual plants in areas of sparse weed coverage, or broadcast application to dense patches of weeds. Cut stumps will be subsequently monitored and repeatedly cut and treated with herbicide until the stump is dead.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Watersedge Elsinore Associates, LLC

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304) Minor Alterations to Land

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Section 15304: The proposed 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 except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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