

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Stafford Lake Park Culvert Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MAN-35535-R3)

Project Location (Marin): The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to Novato Creek upstream of Stafford Lake in unincorporated Marin County, State of California; Latitude 38.11489 °N, Longitude -122.65498 °W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAN-35535-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Marin County Parks.

The Project is limited to removing an existing 30-foot long, 36-inch diameter corrugated metal culvert, 38 cubic yards of fill, and appurtenant concrete headwalls below a road crossing, and installing a new 45-foot long, 60-inch diameter high-density polyethylene culvert and 84 cubic yards of clean fill in the same location. The fill will be compacted and used to create a 2:1 slope above the culvert on both sides of the road crossing.

Biodegradable coir logs will be installed on the fill slopes, native erosion control mix will be broadcast on the fill slopes and mulched with a biodegradable erosion control blanket, rice straw, or similar weed-free mulch to protect against erosion. Willow (*Salix* sp.) cuttings will be installed at the toe of the slope adjacent to the culvert inlet and outlet to provide slope protection from future erosion during high-flow events.

The Project will result in approximately 10 square feet and 30 linear feet of temporary impacts and 61 square feet and 15 linear feet of permanent impacts to stream habitat. The Project will not remove trees and will not include stream dewatering or in-water work.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Marin County Parks

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 and Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15302 and 15303

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of the 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. In addition, the Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; or the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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