Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region 5
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Project Title: Lost Canyon Road Uncertified Fill Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-20141-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Project is located along the Santa Clara River and an associated tributary in the City of Santa Clarita within Los Angeles County, California. The Project site lies within the Mint Canyon 7.5-minute quadrangle at Latitude 34.424986° and Longitude -118.415667°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-20141-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to R&R Gonzalez Trucking, Inc. as represented by Rogelio Gonzalez.

The Project is limited to the removal of uncertified fill within the Project Parcel, including along the banks and bed of the Santa Clara River and an associated tributary. This material was dumped illegally, and the removal of the material will return areas within streambed areas to its original grade. These activities were part of a court order following the discovery of the illegal dumping.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: ROGELIO GONZALEZ

Exempt Status

Statutory Exemption.
Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 & Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections
5301 & 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Section 15304 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. The project consists of illegal fill removal and restoration of the original grade.

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