

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123



Project Title: Waterkeeper Earth Day Clean-Up (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-49497-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Los Angeles Waterkeeper Earth Day Cleanup (Project) is located at North Atwater Park in Los Angeles California. This includes 3900 Chevy Chase Drive and the nearby area along the Los Angeles River.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-49497-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Los Angeles Waterkeeper.

The Project is limited to the cleanup and removal of trash and debris from North Atwater Park and nearby Los Angeles River. Volunteers assisting Los Angeles Waterkeeper will implement the cleanup efforts, and all trash and debris removal will only be done by hand. The cleanup event will take place on April 20, 2024. Volunteers are given safety instructions that include approved areas to access, biological resource protection, instructions on work to be done, and instructions on how to properly dispose of hazardous material. It is anticipated that the cleanup effort will last approximately two (2) hours; however, if the site is in need of extra stewardship, cleanup efforts may persist for up to six (6) hours. This Agreement does not authorize the removal of any vegetation, nor does it authorize the use of mechanical equipment within the Los Angeles River. Before the cleanup efforts begin at a site, a Qualified Biologist shall talk to the participants and cover any and all environmental concerns with an emphasis on avoiding nesting birds.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Waterkeeper

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33D4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15333)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33D4 Exemption applies to projects that restore or enhance habitat that are carried out principally with hand labor and not mechanized equipment. This project involves a non-profit allowing volunteers to pick up trash by hand to enhance the habitat in the area surrounding the LA River in Los Angeles CA. The project duration is approximately 2-4 hours on April 20, 2024.

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