



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: SF Bay Regional Water Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
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Project Title: Calistoga Elementary School Napa River Bank Restoration Project (Project)

Project Location – Specific: (38.579776, -122.582629)

Project Location – City: Calistoga

Project Location – County: Napa County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project on the right bank of the Napa River (River) adjacent to the Calistoga Elementary School will remove concrete debris, large riprap, invasive, non-native species, ornamental, and native trees within the grading footprint to grade the area's existing steep slopes to a minimum 2:1 slope, and plant native vegetation to improve native riparian habitat and River bank stability. Ecological functions resulting from this Project include increased native plant biodiversity, water quality improvements, and natural River bank stabilization. Removal of invasive English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, black locust, and periwinkle will promote passive and active native plant recruitment in the Project area. Native sedges, rushes, willows, and riparian trees will be installed to help strengthen the natural River riparian bank and reduce overall erosion and sedimentation into the River. A minimum of 21 native trees will be planted. The Project will restore 0.229 acre of the River's riparian corridor and bank through laying back the bank, removing invasive species, and revegetating the bank with native species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project as Lead Agency:

SF Bay Regional Water Board

Name of Legally Responsible Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Calistoga Joint Unified School District

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number):
15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects, Class 33.

Reasons why the Project is exempt: The Project does not exceed 5 acres in size, and will revegetate the bank of the River to restore ecological functions, remove invasive species, and improve native aquatic and riparian habitat.

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