

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Knupp Creek Bank Repair (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-28434-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Sonoma Creek, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.397208°, Longitude -122.552740°; 1491 Dawn Hill Road, Kenwood, CA 95452.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-28434-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to William Knupp.

The project is limited to bank stabilization including biotechnical boulder-anchored wood structures with planted willow (*Salix* sp.) stakes and other native riparian trees planted within the structure. Angular riprap will be added at the center of the structure and will also be planted with willow stakes. The total length of the bank stabilization is approximately 45 linear feet and will occupy approximately 340 square feet. The project will result in approximately 340 square feet of temporary impact to the riparian habitat from the construction of the structure and an additional 120 square feet of temporary impact from the need for rock fill to ensure safe access. The fill for access will be removed and the area restored when work has completed. Restoration plantings of the temporary impact areas is included in the design plans (Exhibit A). All work will be performed during the dry season when no or minimal water is present in Sonoma Creek. No in-water work will be conducted. No trees are to be removed as a part of the project. The work will be completed in a manner that minimizes erosion and does not negatively affect water quality. Erosion control measures such as fiber rolls and seeding and strawing of disturbed areas will prevent erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: William Knupp

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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