

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: City of Benicia Routine Maintenance (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SOL-30152-R3)

Project Location (Solano): The Project is located at several streams within the City of Benicia, County of Solano, including Sulphur Springs Creek, two unnamed stream tributaries to Sulphur Springs Creek, West Channel Road Ditch, and twenty-four unnamed streams tributary to Carquinez Strait.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SOL-30152-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Benicia.

The project is limited to routine maintenance activities at 31 locations which are defined as activities that are periodically scheduled and implemented as necessary to maintain the water transport capacity of stream channels and the structural and functional integrity of existing bridges and culverts on or affecting streams.

Maintenance activities considered to be "routine" include:

- 1) vegetation management including limbing and trimming of tree branches; mowing of stream banks; string line trimming; herbicide use; removal of fallen and dead trees and cattails (*Typha* sp.), tules (*Schoenoplectus* sp.), or other vegetation; and limited removal of live trees;
- 2) sediment and debris removal;
- 3) erosion control, including planting native vegetation;
- 4) maintenance and repair of existing rip-rap associated with bridges or culverts if needed to prevent scour and erosion under or around structures; and
- 5) repairing and stabilizing areas near infrastructure including minor grading and replacing rock rip-rap.

Dewatering work areas may be necessary to conduct the activities described above, except dewatering will not occur at sites 1, 3, 8, 9, 21 (subsites 5 and 6), and 24.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Benicia

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves 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.

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