

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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Project Title: Vegetated Rock Slope Protection and Shoreline Access (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-23358-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at the Russian River, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.606966°, Longitude -122.849599°; 13940 Village Ave, Healdsburg, CA, 95448; Assessor's Parcel Number 088-120-023.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-23358-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to David Bent.

The project is limited to the demolition and removal of existing gabion baskets, occupying approximately 168 square feet or riparian habitat, and replacement with rock slope protection (RSP) consisting of the native river cobble that is currently within the gabion baskets. Adjacent existing cobble-covered slopes will be interplanted with willow (*Salix* sp.) stakes to revegetate approximately 453 square feet of the riparian area. As part of the project, approximately eighteen 3.5-inch diameter steel pipes will be driven using hand tools into the bank and cut above grade six inches or less to support a removable seasonal access aluminum staircase and ramp. The project will result in approximately 168 square feet of temporary impacts to the riparian habitat from the removal of the gabion baskets. Approximately 453 square feet of riparian habitat will be revegetated with willow stakes to offset the temporary impacts. Of the 168 square feet of habitat where gabions will be removed, approximately 98 square feet will be left unvegetated to allow for seasonal placement of the staircase and ramp, therefore there will be no new permanent impacts. No grout will be used to install the pipes. Access and staging will occur via existing roads and developed areas. No trees will be removed as part of this project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: David Bent

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure being replaces and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

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