

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Calistoga Elementary School Napa River Bank Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-NAP-47843-R3)

**Project Location (Napa):** The Project is located on the Napa River at 1327 Berry Street, Calistoga, 94515, in the County of Napa, State of California; Latitude 38.579776 °N, Longitude -122.582629 °W; Assessor's Parcel Number 011-173-001.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-NAP-47843-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Calistoga Joint Unified School District as represented Chris Ochs.

The Project is limited to the stabilization and restoration of a section of the north-facing riverbank of the Napa River (Stream) within the property limits of Calistoga Elementary School. This Project's objective is to stabilize the river bank and support water quality and riparian habitat along 340 linear feet of the Stream and is preceded by several recent bank failures upstream of the Project site. The Project involves removing a chain-link fence, concrete debris, and rock armoring from the existing site, regrading approximately 0.17 acres (7,200 square feet) to reduce bank steepness, in-kind replacement of a storm drain outfall with rock armoring features, in-kind replacement of the chain-link fence with poured concrete bases, and replanting of the site with native plants. Clearing of the bank prior to regrading will include the removal of 12 native and non-native trees. The Project will result in 160 square feet of permanent impacts to the stream bank and 0.225 acres (9,816 square feet) of temporary impacts to the riparian area.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

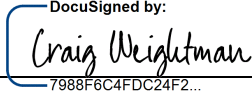
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Calistoga Joint Unified School District

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is not to exceed five acres in size and will assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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