

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Middle Struve Slough Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-40754-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz): The Middle Struve Slough Water Quality and Habitat Improvement project (Project) is located at Middle Struve Slough, a tributary to Watsonville Slough and a tributary to the Pajaro River, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.92579, Longitude -121.77600. The site is accessed between Pennsylvania Drive to the east and Hope Drive to the west; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 016-411-19.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-40754-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Watsonville - Water Division, as represented by Jackie McCloud.

The Project is limited to installing a temporary diversion and dewatering system to protect downstream water quality during construction habitat restoration and creation of wetland depressions, creation of a vegetated swale, and construction of a catchment basin. The purpose of the Project is to restore wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and enhance public access and education.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Watsonville - Water Division

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 less than 5 acres in size, and will restore and/or enhance 4.5 acres of impaired wetland habitat for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources.

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