

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Lagunitas Creek Watershed Enhancement Project – Phase 1 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MAN-46109-R3) Amendment 01

**Project Location (Marin):** The Project is located at Lagunitas Creek and 5 unnamed tributaries, in the County of Marin, State of California: Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 170-120-17, 166-080-09, 166-080-03, and 166-080-02. The upstream end of the Project area is located at Latitude 38.004569, Longitude -122.708818. The downstream end of the Project area, approximately 3.2 miles downstream, is located at Latitude 38.016429, Longitude -122.722774.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAN-46109-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Marin Water.

The Project is limited to the addition of large wood, boulders, and gravel to Lagunitas Creek. Approximately 156 pieces of large wood will be added as part of a series of Riffle-Pool-Wood structures at 8 separate sites along the creek, with each site ranging from 190 to 640 feet in length, and will be installed in a configuration that increases trapping, sorting, and storage of gravel. Additionally, across the 8 sites a total of 5900 tons of gravel will be added into creek, suitable in size for Coho salmon and steelhead spawning, and will address a bedload deficit caused by upstream impoundments.

This major amendment includes reducing restrictions on refueling distance buffers due to physical limitations, reducing Northern spotted owl construction restrictions, and adding flexible language to various measures to provide future ability to potentially modify measures without needing an agreement.

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

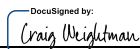
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Marin Water

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. Cal. Pub. Resources Code Section 21080.56 Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects
- Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Cal. Pub. Resources Code Section 21080.56; This project is exempt because it is exclusively restoration intended to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance the habitat for California native fish and wildlife, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife.

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