

Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
3030 Old Ranch Parkway, Suite 400
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Project Title: Lake Machado Ecosystems Resource Management and Long Term Maintenance Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. 1600-2019-0275-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Project is located at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park within the Wilmington Drain area including the north channel, Lake Machado, and the southern marsh areas below the Lake Machado dam. The Project is located in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California; Latitude 33.790823, Longitude -118.285811; 25820 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90710.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0275-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Los Angeles - Department of Recreation and Parks.

The Project is limited to routine maintenance activities within the wetland areas at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. The park contains 159 acres of maintenance area, including the Wilmington drain outlet, the riparian woodland area north of Lake Machado, Lake Machado with emergent wetland vegetation along the lake edges, and the lower freshwater marsh areas south of the dam. The Project will result in annual clearance of up to 4.25 acres of bulrush marsh habitat in rotating segments, for a total of 21.5 acres of treatment area. Project activities will be carried out to reduce the litter and invasive species within the wetland areas, and to allow access for vector control activities.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: CITY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. Included in this exemption is the maintenance of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The removal of vegetation will not expand use of the existing wetlands. Additionally, section (h) includes the maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs.

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