

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** San Pablo Step Pool Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. CCA-23290-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located at San Pablo Creek, a tributary to San Pablo Bay, in the City of Orinda, Contra Costa County, State of California; Latitude 37.881981, Longitude -122.189354.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. CCA-23290-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Friends of Orinda Creeks as represented by David Hop.

The project is limited to the excavation and removal of an existing broken concrete creek channel, and the replacement of which with three natural rock step pools. The regraded channel and newly installed step pools will tie into an existing steel sheet pile wall on the right bank, and the unarmored left bank. Minor tree removal and riparian vegetation modification will occur, with all areas of disturbed soil being stabilized with biodegradable erosion control features and native vegetation.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** David Hop, Friends of Orinda Creeks

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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