

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain Restoration and Streamflow Enhancement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-46266-R3).

Project Location (San Mateo County): The Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain Restoration and Streamflow Enhancement Project (Project) is located at 4309 Cloverdale Road, Pescadero, CA, along the Pescadero Creek in the City of Pescadero, California, in the County of San Mateo; latitude 37.23710, longitude -122.37868 and latitude 37.1419 and longitude -122.2221.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-46266-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Peninsula Open Space Trust as represented by Daniel Olstein.

The Project modifies the existing water diversion operations from Butano Creek by eliminating dry-season withdrawals and increasing the water flows in Butano Creek during the dry-season to benefit sensitive species. The Project is limited to activities to 1) removal of the existing diversion intake infrastructure and replacement with new improved diversion infrastructure, 2) seasonal diversion under State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Water Rights, water rights A025337 and A033395, to an enlarged 16-acre feet reservoir and 3) diversion from within the reservoir.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

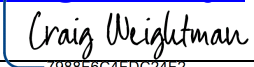
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Daniel Olstein, Peninsula Open Space Trust

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) Pub. Resources Code, 21080.56
- Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of activities to benefit Central California Coast coho salmon, Central California Coast steelhead trout, California red-legged frog, San Francisco garter snake, and other native species as well as implement recommendations from the Pescadero-Butano Sediment TMDL.

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