

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Medea Creek Maintenance Project #1 - 2024 (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-48802-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The Medea Creek Maintenance Project #1 – 2024 (Project) is located at Medea Creek, tributary to Malibu Creek, in the City of Oak Park, County of Ventura, State of California; latitude 34.179272, longitude -118.76900. The Project is adjacent to Oak Hills Drive, west of Oak Park High School, and south of Kanan Road.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-48802-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

The Project is limited to the removal of deadwood, debris, and invasive plant species from Medea Creek. Project activities will be conducted by crews operating on foot and using hand tools. Vegetation and debris will be removed by hand-pulling, cutting, and direct application of herbicide. Non-native trees will be cut into several sections and carefully lowered to the ground by crew members. The remaining stumps will be retained and herbicide will be applied directly to the cut stump. Invasive plants will be removed off-site and disposed of at a landfill. Debris and deadwood material will be mulched and evenly spread across the Project area outside of the stream banks.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

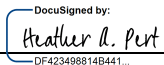
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project seeks to maintain existing landscaping and native growth within this particular section of Medea Creek by removing hazardous fuels and non-native plant species. The Project will not result in any expansion of the existing use.

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