

Notice of Exemption

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Coyote Creek Brush Removal (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. LAK-52013-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Coyote Creek and Gallagher Creek, tributary to Coyote Creek, in the County of Lake, State of California; Latitude 38.79628°, Longitude - 122.55526° (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); 19210 Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 141-371-010-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number LAK-52013-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Meagan Kenny.

The project is limited to the hand control of approximately 12,800 square feet of understory vegetation at the confluence of Coyote Creek and Gallagher Creek. Primarily Cattails (*Typha sp.*) and willows (*Salix sp.*) will be controlled from the stream channel annually to restore normal flows to the creek and to help reduce the potential for fire.

The project also consists of annual habitat enhancement activities along Coyote Creek and Gallagher Creek's corridors through the targeted removal of invasive species including but not limited to Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).

Vegetation control and habitat enhancement activities will occur while Coyote and Gallagher Creeks are dry. Access to the site/staging area will occur along Hartmann Road.

Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Meagan Kenny

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4 and 33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304 and 15333

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Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 4 because the project consists of minor public alterations to the condition of vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

Class 33 because the project consists of a small habitat enhancement project which does not exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance and enhancement of Coyote and Gallagher Creeks.

CDFW Contact Person: Michael Shun, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), (916) 767-8444

Signature:  Date: 10/4/2024
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