

Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bay Delta Region
2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
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Project Title: Crystal Ranch Homeowners Association Open (HOA) Space Bank Slump Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-48673-R3).

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Galindo Creek, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California. Project 1 is located at Latitude [37.934038], Longitude [-121.97787]; 1040 Laurel Tree Drive, Concord CA, 94521; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 120-070-034-8. Project 2 is located at Latitude [37.92790], Longitude [-121.97031]; 5385 Aspenwood Court, Concord CA, 94521; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 121-070-028-0.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-48673-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Crystal Ranch Homeowners Association (Permittee) as represented by Martin Steinpress.

The project is limited to repair of two slump landslide areas with minor recontouring to a maximum 1.8:1 (horizontal: vertical) graded slope, and placement of geotextile fabric and rock slope protection (RSP), installation of subdrain systems. The two slump landslide areas are along previously graded slopes at 1040 Laurel Tree Drive (Project 1) and 5385 Aspenwood Court (Project 2) in the open space common areas of the Crystyl Ranch HOA.

During construction, loose disturbed landslide debris will be removed, and excavation of a toe keyway will be performed. A toe keyway will be constructed with a minimum width of 5 feet and embedment of 5 feet deep into competent soil or bedrock. Following keyway excavation, the excavation will be lined with non-woven filter fabric, and a subdrain installed. Willows will be planted, and the keyway will be backfilled with angular rock slope protection (RSP). The final slope will be backfilled with onsite soil and track walked in-place. Equipment will include hand tools and small equipment, such as bobcat, excavator and electric wheelbarrows. RSP will be hand placed. No tree removal or dewatering will occur.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Crystal Ranch Homeowners Association

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4), Minor Alterations to Land; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves minor land, water, and vegetation alteration that is less than 0.5 acres, and does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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