

## Notice of Exemption

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Office of Planning and Research  
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**Project Title:** Rancho Encantado (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SBA-47894-R5)

**Project Location (Santa Barbara County):** Rancho Encantado (Project) is located on private property west of Highway 101 along Moonshine Creek approximately ¼ mile upstream from where Moonshine Creek meets with Nojoqui Creek. The Project is in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.559300, Longitude - 120.196969; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 083-430-035.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-47894-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Alentejo LLC, as represented by Sundip Shah.

The Project is limited to restoration activities in response to CDFW Notice of Violation No. 1600-2021-9028-R5. Restoration activities include bank contour restoration, erosion control, non-native species removal, excess sediment removal, revegetation of disturbed areas with native plants, and maintenance and monitoring to ensure success of restoration activities. These activities will restore impacts resulting from unpermitted placement of two storage units in the creek with associated work to build a bridge over these units, subsequent damage resulting from winter storm flows pushing the units further downstream, and then finally removing the units and the bridge from the creek.

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

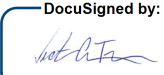
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Alentejo LLC

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – [Class (21)]; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321 Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is exempt because it is an action by a regulatory agency to enforce a permit issued by the regulatory agency.

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