

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Mariposa Creek Parkway Riparian Restoration Project (EPIMS-MAR-53651-R4)

Project Applicant: Hannah Harrison, Mariposa County Planning Department

Project Location (Monterey County): The Project is located along Mariposa Creek, in the unincorporated community of Mariposa, Mariposa County, California; centered at latitude 37.48451 and longitude -119.96616; Section 00, Township 5 South, Range 18 East; U.S. Geological Survey Map Mariposa; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 013-130-006, 013-184-009, 013-186-009, and 013-188-006.

Project Description: Invasive plant species, Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) referred to as Target Species, will be removed from 4.05 acres of riparian corridor using mechanical, manual, chemical, and prescribed burn treatments. Prior to conducting burn treatments, non-Target Species will be thinned, and hand tools will be used to create hand-line fire breaks. The Project site will be revegetated with locally native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous species. Revegetation will involve excavation of holes in the ground to accommodate pots up to 25 gallons in size. To support restoration success, root protection baskets, weed protection mats, and browse guard will be installed for each planting. A temporary drip irrigation system will be installed on the ground surface, composed of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene plastic piping and poly plastic piping drip line. The drip irrigation system will be removed upon the completion of revegetation success monitoring. Supplemental water will be provided to plantings from a municipal source. All plantings will be seasonally watered (approximately November through April) for a three-year establishment period.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mariposa County Planning Department

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. The Project will result in the enhancement of a 4.05-acre riparian corridor, by treating non-native, invasive vegetation and revegetating with native species.

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