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Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Project Title: Smith Butte Creek Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-57867-R2)

Project Location: Butte Creek

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number BUT-57867-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project applicant, Gary Smith.

The project entails slope stabilization with native grass seeding and the placement of straw wattles; revegetation of the gravel bar with live siltation plantings (a.k.a. pole plantings of riparian tree species in trenches); and removal of all debris and garbage from the project area. Work will be conducted with a small tractor and via hand labor. The project will not involve any in-water work.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:

Gary Smith
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Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333. Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Reasons why project is exempt: This small (less than 5 acre) project will restore a disturbed area with native plantings.

CDFW Contact Person: Ian MacLeod, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), 916-907-3782

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