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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** 115 Hawthorne Drive – Murderer’s Creek Bank Stabilization Project  
(Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-55135-R3)

**Project Location (Contra Costa County):** The project is located at Murderer’s Creek, tributary to Grayson Creek, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.93851°, Longitude -122.07265°; 115 Hawthorne Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523; Assessor’s Parcel Number 149-202-038.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-55135-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Richard Davies.

The proposed project is limited to the replacement of three deteriorating wooden retaining walls and the installation of a new stormwater outlet at the Project Location mentioned above. Project activities will be limited to vegetation removal and grading within the work area; the removal of the existing retaining walls; the installation of new wooden retaining walls, including new lateral and vertical supports, waterproof membranes, and gravel back drains; installation and removal of cofferdam water diversions; installation of boulder revetments and a new stormwater outfall; and the revegetation of the retaining wall areas and areas disturbed by construction. The majority of project materials will be moved by hand, with wheelbarrows, or with a small skidsteer, and a bucket excavator with an articulated thumb will be used to place boulders within the storm drain outfall zone. No trees will be removed during project activities.

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

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

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**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 and Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 and 15303

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project also consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

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