

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hopper Creek Streambank Revegetation and Road Stabilization Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0379-R3)

Project Location: The project is located on the downstream right bank of Hopper Creek approximately 300 feet upstream of the confluence with Dry Creek; and the site is adjacent to a vineyard located at 5227 Big Ranch Road in the City and County of Napa.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0379-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Menston, LLC.

The project is limited to stabilizing approximately 31 linear feet of streambank using soil bioengineering. Himalayan blackberry will be removed from an approximately 620 square-foot area and approximately 2 cubic yards of on-site soil will be used to fill in a beaver den (located at approximately ordinary high water) that collapsed during the 2017 storms. On top of the compacted soil layer, a series of 4 live willow pole brush layers and fabric encapsulated soil wrapped lifts will extend up the slope approximately 10 feet to top-of-bank at a slope of 1.5-2:1, to match pre-existing conditions.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Menston, LLC

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The project meets the criteria for Categorical Exemption, Class 33, section 15333 for small habitat restoration projects, because it is less than 5 acres and 500 linear feet in size and because the project will use soil bioengineering to repair an eroded streambank, enhancing riparian habitat at the site.

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