

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1-Northern
601 Locust Street
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1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Riparian Vegetation Removal for Fire Protection (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0707-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located adjacent to an unnamed tributary to Henderson Drain, which enters the Sacramento River in Shasta County. The parcel is described as 3050 Bechelli Lane in Redding; Assessor's Parcel Number 070-240-012; Latitude 40.563511°N, Longitude 122.364095°W

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0707-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Paul Rother.

The project is limited to removing non-native trees and native and non-native riparian shrubbery, brush, grasses, and low hanging branches within ten feet of the ground in order to create a 100-foot fire break around the parcel. Targeted vegetation will be removed using an excavator-mounted masticator/forestry mulcher, gas powered pole saws and chainsaws. Trimmed limbs and brush that are not shredded in their place of origin will be yarded out using the excavator boom.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

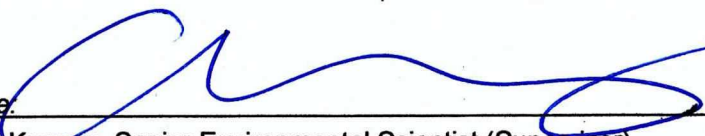
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul Rother

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: Vegetation that is being removed is primarily non-native and a fire hazard. There is no grading or trenching associated with this project. Healthy, mature, scenic trees will not be removed. Mature native trees will be pruned, but not removed.

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