

Notice of Exemption

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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Culverts at Hidden Passage (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0097-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at Little Morongo Canyon Creek, tributary to the Whitewater River, along Little Morongo Road, about 1.35 miles northwest of Highway 62 in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.10563° N, Longitude 116.53227° W. Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 4 East, United States Geological Survey (USGS) map Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Meridian. Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 0580-281-11.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0097-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ellen Berkowitz.

The Project is limited to placement of two 30-inch culverts near the entrance to the property, one 15-inch culvert at the south terminus of a 315-foot long realigned section of road, and another 15-inch culvert at the north terminus. The 315-foot realigned section of road impacted resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 but no *Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration* was submitted for the aforementioned activities. Impacts from unauthorized Project activities are mitigated through this Agreement.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Ellen Berkowitz

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 7, §15307, Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources; Class 8, §15308, Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is exempt under Class 7, §15307, and Class 8, §15308 because it consists of habitat enhancement through invasive, non-native plant species control and, if needed, revegetation that will be performed under the direction of CDFW to ensure compliance with Fish and Game Code section 1602, to maintain, manage, and protect natural resources and the environment.

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Signature: Scott Wilson *Date:* 11/19/2019
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