

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Santa Ana RWQCB
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

(Address)

Project Title: Tequesquite Ephemeral Stream Bed Stabilization Project

Project Applicant: Canyon Hills of Riverside Homeowners Association

Project Location - Specific:

The Project is located between Via Cervantes and Via Zapata, northwest of Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park, and south of the Canyon Crest Golf Course in the City of Riverside, Riverside County (33.9478° N/-117.3253° W).

Project Location - City: Riverside Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will stabilize an eroding bank of a stream that is adjacent to an existing housing development to protect the development from encroachment of the stream.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Canyon Hills of Riverside Homeowners Association

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a Class 1 exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 given that the Project pertains to the repair and minor alteration of existing private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jason Bill Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (951) 782-3295

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 02/21/2020 Title: Executive Officer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 21, 2020

State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, California 95814

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) NOTICE OF EXEMPTION:
TEQUESQUITE EPHEMERAL STREAM BED STABILIZATION, CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY (LATITUDE 33.9478° N, LONGITUDE -117.3253° W)**

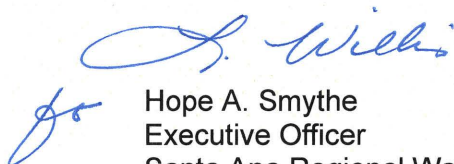
Dear State Clearinghouse:

Enclosed is a copy of a "CEQA Notice of Exemption" for the above-referenced project (Project). The proposed Project consists of the stabilization of an eroding bank of a stream that is adjacent to an existing housing development to protect the development from encroachment of the stream. The Project site is located in the City of Riverside in Riverside County. Approximately 0.07 acre and 80 linear feet of waters of the United States will be permanently impacted and 0.33 acre and 1,000 linear feet will be temporarily impacted as a result of the project activities.

A Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is being issued for this Project (SARWQCB Project No. 332019-32). The Regional Water Board has determined that the Project qualifies for a CEQA Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Categorical Exemption under the provision of Section 15301, pertaining to the repair and minor alteration of existing private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use.

Should there be any questions, please contact Jason Bill at (951) 782-3295 or Jason.Bill@waterboards.ca.gov, or David Woelfel, Chief of Regional Planning Programs Section at (951) 782-7960 or David.Woelfel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Hope A. Smythe
Executive Officer
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosure: CEQA Notice of Exemption

WILLIAM RUH, CHAIR | HOPE SMYTHE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Notice of Exemption – Tequesquite Ephemeral Stream Bed Stabilization

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