## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

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**Project Title:** El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-19740-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County]):** The El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project is located at El Dorado Park at 2520 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach, California. The Project site lies within the Los Alamitos U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle at latitude 33.800606 N and longitude 118.097438 W; Township 4 South, Range 12 West, Section 25.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-19740-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Long Beach as represented by Nancy Villaseñor.

The EI Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project includes the restoration of the EI Dorado Duck Pond. To accomplish this, the pond will be dewatered into the sewer and irrigation system prior to removing approximately 7,000 cubic yards of built-up sediment and debris. Other construction activities include removing the pond liner and bringing the pond to grade, replacing the concrete shoreline, grading/trenching for pipeline work, modifying an existing island within the pond, creating a forebay, creating a detention feature for water quality treatment, and installing seven wetland planters around the edge of the pond.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: CITY OF LONG BEACH

Exempt Status:		
	☐ Statutory Exemption.	
	☐ Categorical Exemption, Type – Class 1: California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301	

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The EI Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project consists of the restoration of an existing pond within EI Dorado Park. This restoration is necessary to remove accumulated debris and sediment to improve water quality. No expansion of use is proposed. The EI Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project is exempt because it involves the restoration of a wildlife habitat area.

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