Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research <u>CEQA Submit</u> From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region 2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100 Fairfield, CA 94534 <u>AskBDR @ wildlife.ca.gov</u>



Project Title: Rindler Creek Water Quality and Habitat Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SOL-34537-R3)

Project Location (Solano County): The Project is located at Rindler Creek, a tributary to Napa River, in the County of Solano, State of California; Latitude 38.136173°N, Longitude 122.202532°W; Assessor's Parcel Number: 182-020-130.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SOL-34537-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Solano Resource Conservation District.

The Project is limited to 0.55 acres of habitat restoration along 334 linear feet of Rindler Creek. A total of 608 native up to one-gallon plants will be installed using hand tools at the Project site, including willows (*Salix* sp.), blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*), creeping wildrye (*Elymus triticoides*), and Santa Barbara sedge (*Carex barbarae*). A drip irrigation system will be installed before the dry season and run weekly to help plants establish. A cattle exclusion fence will be installed to protect vegetation and meet requirements of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to reduce pathogen loads in Rindler Creek from grazing cattle. Invasive noxious weeds will be controlled with targeted herbicide treatment and manual methods (e.g., handheld weed whackers). Access will occur by foot and only hand tools will be used for the Project, no heavy equipment will be used.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Solano Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4 and Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304 and 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of trees. The Project also consists of restoration and enhancement of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife, and does not exceed five acres in size.

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