Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: 3183 and 3151 Laurel Canyon Boulevard Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-14649-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located in an unnamed tributary to Los Angeles River, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Latitude 34.131384N, Longitude -118.381717; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 2381-005-001.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-14649-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Laurel Canyon Blvd., LLC.

The project is limited to the restoration of the site to conditions present before the installation of an observation deck, koi pond, and concrete structures. The site will be restored through the removal of cement structures and the removal of non-native English ivy plants by hand. After the debris and ivy plants have been removed, the 50 by 60-foot area will be planted with 40 container plants and monitored for five years. The project will impact 0.07 acres of riparian habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Laurel Canyon Blvd., LLC

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.	
🛚 Categorical Exemption. Type –	Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304
	Class 21; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 consists of 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. The proposed project removes debris and restore native vegetation to the site and does not plan to remove any healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Class 21 covers enforcement actions taken by regulatory agencies. The observation deck, koi pond, and concrete structures were installed without a permit or consultation from the various regulatory agencies. The proposed project would restore the impacts to the unnamed tributary.

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