Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: Parker Thaler
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Project Title: James Property Pond Improvements Project (Project)
Project Applicant: James Petaluma Property LLC (Applicant)
Project Location - Specific: The Project is located at 2245 Spring Hill Road in Petaluma.
Project Location - City: Petaluma **Project Location – County:** Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will modify an existing pond located on the Applicant's property. The Project will decrease the pond's maximum storage capacity to 20 acre-feet (AF) by reducing the pond's spillway height 1.6 feet. The modified spillway will extend 46 feet downstream from the pond. The spillway will be 8 feet wide at the pond's exit and narrow to 3 feet at the downstream end. Two concrete cutoff walls will be constructed to control pond elevation and measure outflow. Roughly 400 cubic yards of material will be excavated during spillway modification. Approximately 8 cubic yards of fill rock will be placed on the outlet sides of the spillway to stabilize the stream channel. Fill rock will extend 46 feet downstream and 3 feet upslope of the stream sides to protect the spillway during high flows.

The staging area will be located on the existing compacted dirt and gravel driveway. The total Project area is 0.3 acres.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: James Petaluma Property LLC
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 (Existing Facilities), §15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Class 1 exemption applies because the Project involves minor alterations of an existing private spillway, involving no expansion of use. The Project will reduce the total storage capacity of the existing pond by 5.4 AF. No unusual circumstances or other exceptions exist.

Contact Person: Parker Thaler **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 341-5321

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

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Signature: Thomas Howard Title: **Executive Director**

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

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