



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

April 28, 2020

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Central Region
Attn: LSAA Permitting Section
Jim Kitch, Environmental Scientist
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710

SUBJECT: Response to Second Incomplete Notification Letter on March 30, 2020
Notification No. 1600-2019-0068-R4
Lost Lake Nature Trail, San Joaquin River – Fresno County
Transmitted via Email to: R4LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Kitch,

Respectfully submitting additional information in response to California Department of Fish and Wildlife's March 30, 2020, Second Incomplete Notification letter for the above referenced project. We hope that you will find these responses satisfactory.

Should you have any questions, please contact Nicolette Nobuhiro by telephone (559) 600-0524 or via email nnobuhiro@fresnocountyca.gov.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Alimi, PhD, P.E.
Design Engineer

Joseph C. Harrell, P.E.

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Supervising Engineer, Design Division

Enclosures:

- Copy of Original Second Incomplete Notification
- Response to Section 10
- Tree Map



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March 30, 2020

Dale A. Siemer
County of Fresno
Department of Public Works and Planning
2220 Tulare Street, 7th Floor
Fresno, California 93721

Subject: Second Incomplete Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration
Notification No. 1600-2019-0068-R4
Lost Lake Nature Trail
San Joaquin River – Fresno County

Dear Mr. Siemer:

On March 25, 2019, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) received your Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration (Notification) and on April 16, 2019, the Department determined that your Notification was incomplete. On February 27, 2020, the Department received your response and on March 30, 2020, the Department determined your Notification is incomplete because the information checked below is either missing or insufficient. To complete your Notification, please review the Notification instructions and provide the following Notification sections, along with a copy of this letter, to the Department at the above address.

- Section 4: Agreement term requested
- Section 5: Agreement type
- Section 6: Notification fee
- Section 7: Prior notification order
- Section 8: Project location, map, and directions from nearest highway
- Section 8: USGS quad map name, township/range, section, and ¼ section
- Section 10: Complete project description
- Section 10: Project plans, photos, maps
- Section 11A-D: Project impacts
- Sections 11E-G: Biological or hydrologic studies, resource mapping
- Section 12: Measures to protect fish, wildlife, and plants
- Section 13: Permits issued
- Section 14: Environmental review documents
- Section 17: Signature and date

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Notification Attachment: A B C D

Section 10: Clarification regarding items requested in the first Incomplete Notification letter is needed.

- To address or illustrate the tree trimming that will be required, please provide photos with markup, diagrams, and/or more specific description, of how trees will be cut. This information is necessary for an understanding of how much would be cut from each tree and what the resulting impacts would be.
- The plans are labeled as “100% Submittal: Not for Construction.” Please describe if or how the final plans may vary from the submitted plans.

Please note that you may not proceed with your Project until your Notification is deemed complete, and you have obtained a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, if required. If you have any questions regarding this matter or need additional information, please consult the “Notification Instructions” and/or “Questions and Answers” that are available online at: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/LSA>. You may also contact Jim Kitch, Environmental Scientist, at (559) 243-4014 extension 233 or by email at James.Kitch@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

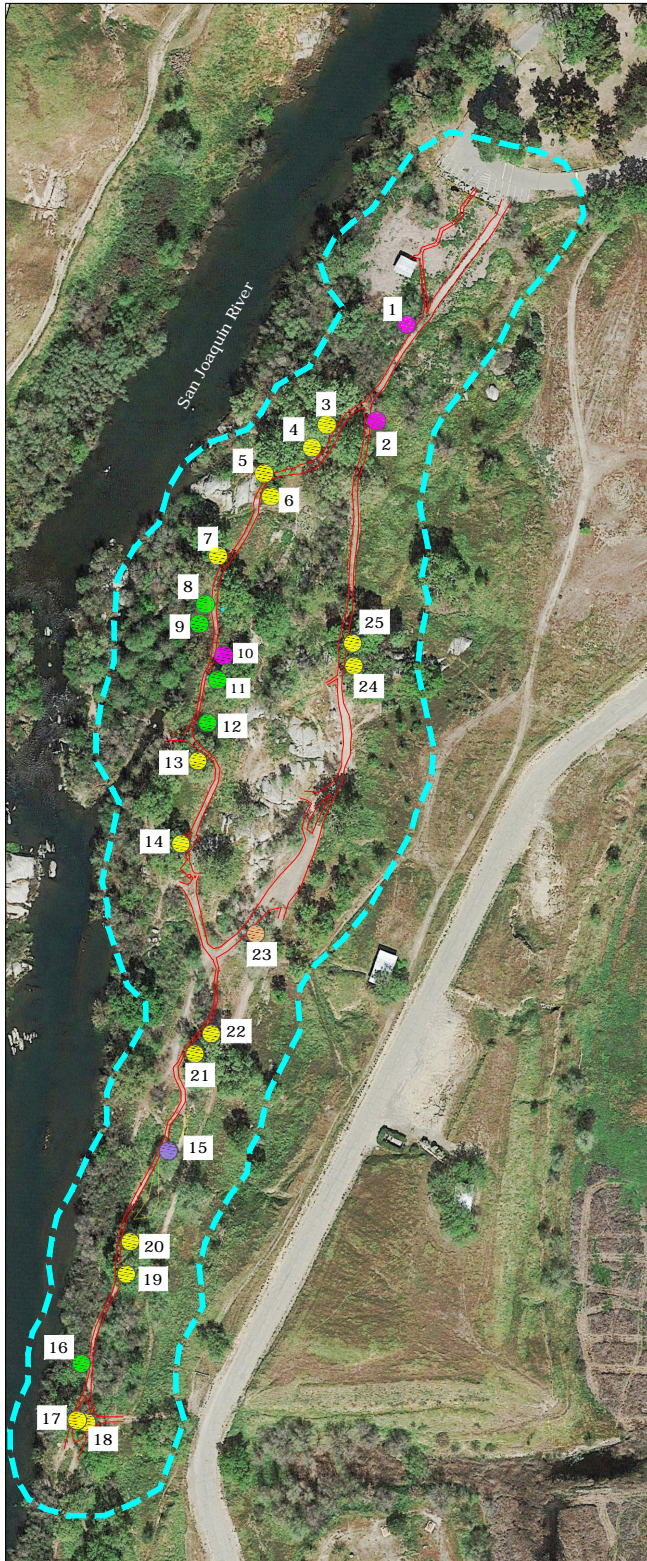
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Linda Connolly
Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Section 10

1. Description of Tree Trimming:
 - a. The trees will be limbed up about 6' to 15' from the ground for pedestrian clearance purposes only – please see Tree Map for approximate percentage trimmed. Branches that are overhanging the trail will be removed to allow for clear access to the trail, but will not be detrimental to the tree. Cut branches and excess debris will be properly cleared and disposed of. Precautions shall be taken to avoid damaging surrounding vegetation, so no other impacts to riparian vegetation will occur.
 - b. See attached Tree Map for tree trimming illustrations.

2. The plans submitted have been approved by the County and will serve as our “Final Plan,” therefore, no changes will be made.



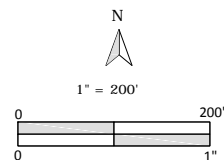
Tree #	Species	Max. % of Branches to be trimmed
1	Willow	25%
2	Willow	10%
3	Valley Oak	25%
4	Valley Oak	25%
5	Valley Oak	15%
6	Valley Oak	10%
7	Valley Oak	10%
8	Ash	25%
9	Ash	15%
10	Willow	15%
11	Ash	5%
12	Ash	10%
13	Valley Oak	25%
14	Valley Oak	15%
15	Cottonwood	5%
16	Ash	10%
17	Valley Oak	15%
18	Valley Oak	10%
19	Valley Oak	10%
20	Valley Oak	10%
21	Valley Oak	10%
22	Valley Oak	15%
23	Sycamore	15%
24	Valley Oak	10%
25	Valley Oak	10%

Note : Trees will be trimmed to provide pedestrian clearance 9' above finished grade



LEGEND
 Biological Survey Area
 Lost Lake Trail

TREES TO BE TRIMMED :
 Willow
 Valley Oak
 Ash
 Cottonwood
 Sycamore



Lost Lake Trail Improvement Project
 Fresno County, CA
 (42C0458)

Tree Map