

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project (Second Extension of Request No. 1652-2019-027-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Paul Robins, Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Project Location (include county): 18800 Cachagua Rd, Carmel Valley, Monterey County, CA 93924

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the request for extension to the Cachagua Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project, submitted by the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County.

To allow for steelhead trout fish passage on Cachagua Creek, an existing automobile ford structure will be removed and replaced with a vented ford at the existing location. The vented ford will consist of three pre-fabricated concrete box culverts, each having a span of 24 feet long by 12 feet high, while also providing a 20-foot wide roadway. The approval extends the previously-extended approval period, to include a five-year term beginning August 15, 2021, during which a single construction period of August 15 to October 15 will occur, with revegetation occurring from November 1 to January 30, beginning the same year of construction. Post-construction revegetation monitoring will occur until June 1 for three years, to document revegetation efforts and determine attainment of performance standards.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul Robins, Resource Conservation District of Monterey County and Tim Frahm, Trout Unlimited

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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