

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hillview Expansion – CenturyLink/Level 3 Fiber Optic Service Connection (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0406-R3)

Project Location: The project is located at three sites in Palo Alto, California. One site is located on Matadero Creek (on Hillview Avenue approximately 600 feet north of Miranda Avenue). Two sites are located on Barron Creek (Arastradero Road approximately 100 feet southwest of Old Adobe Road and Arastradero Road approximately 225 feet southwest of Manuela Avenue).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0406-RX3 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to CenturyLink (Level 3 Communications, LLC.), as represented by Mr. Russell Stokke.

The project will install fiber optic conduit in Palo Alto that will cross at one location beneath a concrete-lined section of Matadero Creek, and beneath corrugated steel culverts at two locations of Barron Creek. At each location, approximately 40 linear feet of three 1.5-inch-diameter high-density polyethylene conduits will be installed beneath the creeks (for a total of 120 linear feet of fiber optic conduit across the three sites). The fiber optic conduit will be installed via directional boring using a directional bore machine and an excavator. The material used for boring will be composed of Controlled Density Fill, which is a mix of subgrade, cement, concrete fly ash, crushed stone # 8, and sand.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE


Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: CenturyLink (Level 3 Communications, LLC.), as represented by Mr. Russell Stokke.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303.

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of construction and location of a small structure related to a utility extension, and occurring within a limited footprint and with no modifications to riparian vegetation or to the streambed of Matadero Creek or Barron Creek.

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Signature:  *Date:* June 24, 2019
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