



(6) inches of ground height, removing the stems but leaving roots in place. Non-native plants will be pulled by hand to the extent possible. Lateral branches on trees within project sites will be trimmed between ground level and six (6) feet above ground to allow water to pass while maintaining an overhead canopy. All trimmings will be removed and disposed of offsite or chipped/shredded and applied onsite as mulch. Accumulated sediment within drainages will be removed at culvert inlets/outlets and disposed of offsite where the sediment cannot reenter the stream channel. Domestic goats may be used in the Salinas River channel within City limits to remove low-growing vegetation. Depending on the circumstance and vegetation conditions, the City may elect to use various methods of vegetation maintenance in the Salinas River. These methodologies may include the use of livestock, masticators, low-intensity prescribed burns, etc. However, the use of these methods will be based on the annual pre-project assessments to determine the correct, environmentally friendly, and efficient method.

Lastly, the project will incorporate trash clean-up related to homeless encampments located within the Salinas River. Trash clearing will be done mostly by hand. However, there may be some instances where small tractors will be used to haul bigger items (e.g., mattresses, large wood frames, appliances, etc.) from the riverbed. The trash will be placed in large roll-off trash bins located outside of the river corridor. The removal of trash from the riverbed will reduce downstream pollution and enhance the quality of the surrounding habitat.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Paso Robles, Department of Building and Planning, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Paso Robles, Public Work Department

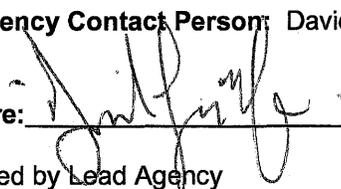
**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- 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:  
**Public Resources Code, Article 19, Sec. 15301(h), Existing Facilities, CCR.**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The Project involves maintenance of vegetation along ephemeral drainages and within detention basins in riparian zones. The project involves trimming of trees, removal of sediment, and trash removal. All protective measures of regulatory agency permits will be followed and the impacts to the environment will be less than significant.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 7/30/2020

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code