

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** County of Santa Cruz Emergency Relief Program – Branciforte PM 0.92 and 2.22 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0084-R3)

**Project Location:** The Project is located at two sites located along Branciforte Creek, a tributary to the San Lorenzo River, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California. Site 1 is located at Latitude 37.042379, Longitude -121.984119; Section 20, Township 10S, Range 1W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Laurel. Site 2 is located at Latitude 37.025068, Longitude -121.987141; Section 29, Township 10S, Range 1W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Laurel.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0084-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works

During the 2016/2017 winter storms, two embankments between Branciforte Drive and Branciforte Creek failed and caused damage to the road. The Permittee proposes to repair an approximately 50-foot long section of the northbound lane of Branciforte Drive PM 0.92 and an approximately 50-foot long section of the southbound lane of Branciforte Drive PM 2.22 with timber soldier pile retaining walls.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. 15269(a)
- Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project will restore two sections of road that were damaged as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code.

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*Date:*

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