

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** Fall Creek Fish Ladder (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0072-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Fall Creek, a tributary to the San Lorenzo River, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 37.053223, Longitude -122.079656; Section 21, Township 10S, Range 2W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Felton; Assessor's Parcel Number 065-013-34.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0072-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The San Lorenzo Valley Water District.

The San Lorenzo Valley Water District (Permittee) operates a water diversion and fish ladder structure within Fall Creek, approximately 0.41 miles upstream of the confluence with the San Lorenzo River. The proposed project will make improves to the fish ladder to increase adult salmonid passage during most flow regimes.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Lorenzo Valley Water District

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed project will reconstruct an existing concrete fish ladder to improve adult steelhead passage.

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