

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Via Ballena – Shorecliffs Golf Course Landslide Repair (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0131-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Pacific Ocean, in the City of San Clemente, County of Orange; Latitude 33.44378, Longitude -117.63814; U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute map Dana Point quadrangle, Section 29, Township 8 south, Range 7 west, San Bernadino meridian. The project is generally located southwest of Interstate 5, northwest of Via Ballena, northeast of Via Cascadia, and southeast of Via Alegre. The project site is located at a portion of the golf course within the Shorecliffs Golf Club.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Major Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2016-0131-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to OC Re-Hab 1, LLC.

The Major Amendment includes a 6-month extension to complete the mitigation obligations for the project that will change the expiration date from February 15, 2022, to August 15, 2022, and modification of the Project Description to remove the mechanical pump system. It also includes the adoption of a new Restoration, Mitigation, Monitoring, and Maintenance Plan (RMMMP) prepared by E. Read and Associates, Inc and dated April 26, 2021.

The project will repair a landslide area between houses along Via Ballena and the fifth hole of the golf course within the Shorecliffs Golf Club. The project will remove landslide debris and reconstruct the hillside slope that failed. A series of back drains, terrace drains, down drains, and other surface and subsurface drainage improvements will be installed on the reconstructed hillside. The stream at the toe of the hillside slope will be replaced with underground storm drain infrastructure. The project will install a 7-foot by 7-foot box culvert which will connect the existing culvert underneath Interstate 5 upstream of the project area to the existing culvert at Via Cascadia downstream of the project area. The installed culvert will convey surface flows through the project area.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: OC Re-Hab 1, LLC

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. 15269(c) – Emergency Projects
 Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will prevent an emergency. Evaluations of the previous landslide areas show that there is a high probability of additional landslides in the area if not mitigated by the project.

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