

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Ventura River Fish Passage Improvements at Foster Park (Request No. 1652-2021-048-001-R5)

Project Applicant: Phil Nelson, City of Ventura Public Works Department

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at the diversion dam along the Ventura River Foster Park, nearest address 438 Casitas Vista Road, in unincorporated Ventura County. The Project is located at approximately 34.355440°N, -119.309854°W.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Ventura River Fish Passage Improvements at Foster Park Project submitted by the City of Ventura Public Works Department.

The Project includes modifications to the existing diversion dam at Foster Park to include a trapezoidal notch that would improve fish passage. The Project plans were designed to meet the physical and hydraulic design criteria (depth, velocity, and jump height parameters) included in the CDFW Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration in order to provide adequate fish passage conditions for adult and juvenile steelhead at varied instream conditions. Construction activities will temporarily occupy 0.15 acres of space, including staging and construction areas, and will be completed in the fall of 2022 when bird nesting season is complete (after September 15) and in advance of seasonal rains.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Ventura Public Works Department

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. There are no unusual circumstances that would exempt this Project from qualifying for this Categorical Exemption. No cumulatively significant impacts or significant adverse impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species are anticipated.

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