

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Majors Creek Diversion Sedimentation Management Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-25976-R3)

Project Location: The Project is located at Majors Creek, approximately 2.34 miles upstream of the mouth of the creek at Highway 1 near Scaroni Road, south of the City of Davenport, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.99888, Longitude -122.12081; APN 062-161-02.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SCR-25976-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Santa Cruz Water Department.

The Project includes the operation of existing pneumatic valves at the Majors Creek Diversion. During conditions when any of the three valve gates are not occluded by sediment, the gates may be exercised to allow bypass of sediment through the impoundment when specific criteria are met. The following criteria shall be used to trigger gate valve operation: 1) Only those valve gates that are clear of sediment preceding the onset of a storm shall be operated; 2) Local rainfall forecasts are 2" or greater in a 24 hour period; and 3) Turbidity is at least 25 NTU.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves the routine operation of an existing public utility facility.

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