

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Redwood Road PM 0.15 thru 0.33 Storm Damage Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-19319-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The Project includes 5 locations, located along Redwood Creek, a tributary to Browns Creek, accessed from Redwood Road Post Mile (PM) 0.15, 0.23, 0.29, 0.31, and 0.33, in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, State of California. The 5 locations' latitude and longitude coordinates are as follows: (37.02971, -121.78192); (37.028333, -121.78226); (37.02962, -121.78320); (37.02975, -121.78365); (37.029967, -121.783814).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No EPIMS-SCR-19319-R3 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works.

The Project includes the repair of five road slip-outs along Redwood Road. Solider pile walls will be installed at Redwood Road PM 0.15, 0.23, 0.29 and 0.31. Work at Redwood Road PM 0.33 involves removal and replacement of a failed storm drain pipe. All five work sites will include vegetation removal, road reconstruction and paving, guardrail installation, and excavation and backfill. There will be no stream diversions, and no installation of rock slope protection or gabion baskets at all five sites.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15269(a)
- Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: This Project involves repairs to an existing public roadway for the purpose of improving public safety and involves no expansion of existing use. On January 23, 2017, Governor Brown declared the storms that hit California in December of 2016 and January of 2017 a state of emergency in Santa Cruz County. This project will repair failures along Redwood Road that occurred during and as a result of the declared emergency.

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