

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Zuma Beach Underpass Debris Removal Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-28868-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located at an unnamed drainage to the Pacific Ocean, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California; Latitude 34.016835, Longitude -118.817261. The project is located in the City of Malibu along an underpass road that serves as an access road to Zuma Beach under Highway 1 in between Bonsall Drive and Busch Drive.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-28868-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Los Angeles County – Department of Beaches and Harbors.

The purpose of this project is to conduct maintenance by removing sediment and debris build up from the underpass road that serves as public access to Zuma Beach. The project area is limited to 0.2 acres of the existing access road that runs parallel to an unnamed drainage. The project activities will be conducted annually from December 1 to March 31. The project area will be surveyed after storm events to determine if sediment and debris has been deposited on the access road. Any accumulation of sediment and debris will be scraped from the existing road and disposed of off-site.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County – Department of Beaches and Harbors

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. Included in this exemption are existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities. The removal of sediment buildup will not expand the use of the existing road and consists of clearing the road for the purpose of public access.

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