

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: SF Bay Regional Water Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland CA, 94612

Project Title: [145 Canyon Road Wall Replacement \(Project\)](#)

Project Location - Specific: [37.976563, -122.610197](#)

Project Location - City: [Fairfax](#) **Project Location - County:** [Marin County](#)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: [The purpose of the Project is to remove and replace a failing 45-foot long, 10-foot high, 70-year-old timber lagging retaining wall. The retaining wall laterally supports Canyon Road, an arterial road and evacuation route adjacent to the right bank of San Anselmo Creek near 145 Canyon Road. Degradation of the retaining wall has structurally destabilized Canyon Road, exposing San Anselmo Creek to future potential inadvertent road and retaining wall fill. A new, permanently impacting, 90-foot long, 10-foot-high soldier pile retaining wall with timber lagging will be constructed three feet downstream with an additional 28 square feet \(sf\) of riprap on the scoured left bank. The Project will improve the road infrastructure and safety of Canyon Road for the City of Fairfax.](#)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: [SF Bay Regional Water Board](#)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: [Garrett Toy, Town of Fairfax, c/o Drew Goetting, Restoration Design Group \(agent\)](#)

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): [15301 – Existing Facilities, Class 1, C](#)
- Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): _____

Reasons why Project is exempt: [Upgrades to the left bank will replace the existing timber lagging retaining wall in-kind with a 45-foot additional retention wall extension to meet current road construction, human health, and safety standards. To mitigate the Project's 90 linear feet of permanent impacts; willows will be staked into the rock slope protection at both ends of the retaining wall, and native shrubs and trees will be planted within 0.03 acres of the Project area's riparian and stream habitat.](#)

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