

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Trout Gulch Road PM(S) 1.85, 1.90 and 3.03 Storm Damage Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-23490-R3).

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The project includes three locations along Trout Creek, a tributary to Valencia Creek, accessed from Trout Gulch Road Post Mile (PM) 1.85, PM 1.90, and PM 3.03, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.99494, Longitude -121.88534; Latitude 36.99550, Longitude -121.88541; and Latitude 37.01143, Longitude -121.88481; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN]: 041-121-23, 041-121-23, and 105-471-14.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-23490-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works.

The project is limited to the repair of Trout Gulch Road at PM 1.85, 1.90, & 3.03. At Trout Gulch Road PM 1.85, the stream bank will be reconstructed with vegetated soil wraps and vegetated rock slope protection (RSP). The RSP voids will be filled with topsoil and vegetated with willows placed in sono-tubes. At Trout Gulch Road PM 1.90 and PM 3.03 the stream bank will be reconstructed with vegetated RSP following the same technique as PM 1.85. Work at all three project locations will include the removal of debris and failed road material consisting of five or less cubic yards per site. No trees will be removed and the work is planned for the summer when Trout Creek is dry.

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 created a state of emergency in Santa Cruz County. This project will repair failures along Trout Gulch Road that occurred during and as a result of the declared emergency.

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