

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Emergency Work at Reasoner Creek (Project)

Project Location: Emergency Work at Reasoner Creek will be conducted along the banks and within the Reasoner Creek channel, downstream of the Reasoner Bridge and adjacent to the Reasoner Canyon Picnic Area and Dog Park.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): United Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: United Water Conservation District

Project Description: United Water Conservation District (United) proposes to conduct emergency work at Reasoner Creek downstream of Reasoner Bridge and adjacent to the Reasoner Canyon Picnic Area and Dog Park. A series of storms in early January 2023 resulted in deposition of sediment, debris, and large boulders within Reasoner Creek and degradation of the adjacent banks. Deposition of material within the creek has impacted the conveyance capacity of the creek and caused flooding and debris flows in adjacent recreation facilities. These conditions are expected to continue to threaten recreational facilities during future storms if not repaired and restored. The banks along Reasoner Creek have been incised creating steep shear walls approximately 6-7 feet tall. These steep banks are unstable and pose a threat to public safety. United proposes to conduct work to remove the deposited materials and reestablish the banks of Reasoner Creek to restore the conveyance capacity of the creek. Downstream of the Reasoner Canyon Picnic Area, United will prioritize conducting the proposed activities with equipment located on the terraces outside of the banks of Reasoner Creek or from Piru Canyon Road; however, some in-creek work may be required to properly restore the banks. No work will be conducted in ponded or flowing water.

Exempt Status:

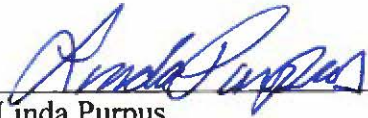
- Ministerial
 Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
 Emergency Project
 Categorical Exemption.


X Statutory Exemptions: (Public Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(3) and State CEQA Guidelines section 15269(a) because the proposed Project involves repairs and restoration of property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code.

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