

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Casserly Road PM 2.93 & PM 3.39 Storm Damage Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-22809-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The Project is located at Green Valley Creek, a tributary to the Pajaro River, accessed through Casserly Road PM 3.39 and PM 2.93, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.97248, Longitude -121.76428, and Latitude 36.97283, Longitude -121.75631.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-22809-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works.

The Project is limited to streambank repairs along Casserly Road at Post Miles (PM) 2.93 and 3.39 caused by a storm event that scoured the streambank and eroded the road shoulder. Both Project locations work will include the clearing and grubbing of any vegetation in the work area, excavating the failed roadway and slope, installing structural backfill for the roadway embankment, installing a 12-inch diameter drainage culvert with rock slope protection (RSP) outlet, installing new pavement road surfacing, erosion control, and revegetation. PM 2.93 will construct an 88 linear foot (LF) soldier pile and timber lagging retaining wall with placement of 37 cubic yards ¼ ton RSP at the face of the wall. PM 3.39 will place 65 cubic yards of ¼ ton of RSP on the slope, and 6 inches of topsoil will cover RSP.

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 Casserly Road PM 2.93 and 3.39 that occurred during and as a result of the declared emergency.

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