

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Lower Jalama Creek Fish Passage Implementation Project (Request No. 1652-2023-058-001-R5)

Project Applicant: Laura Riege, The Nature Conservancy

Project Location (include county): Lower Jalama Creek, Santa Barbara County.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Lower Jalama Creek Fish Passage Implementation Project submitted by Laura Reige, The Nature Conservancy.

The primary purpose of the Project is barrier removal for fish passage. The Project will mediate the limiting factors of fish passage, by removal of concrete weir structure at JA-1 and installation of rock ramp roughened channel at JA-2. The species likely to benefit from this Project include but are not limited to southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), is designated as an endangered species pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*) and a candidate species pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (CESA candidate for endangered species status; Fish & G. Code, § 2050 *et seq.*). Total Project size is 0.33 acres.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

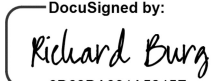
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Laura Riege, The Nature Conservancy

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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Signature:  **Date:** 4/25/2023
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