

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Talley Farms Riparian Restoration Project (Request No. 1652-2023-060-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Niki Eschler, Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

Project Location: The Project will occur along the bank of an unnamed tributary to Pismo Creek, at 2204 Corbett Canyon Road, in the city of Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, Zip Code 93420; centered at coordinate 35.18864, -120.5769; U.S. Geological Survey Map Arroyo Grande NE; Assessor's Parcel Number 044-231-032.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Talley Farms Riparian Restoration Project submitted by the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, as represented by Niki Eschler.

The Project includes activities pertaining to streambank stabilization, floodplain establishment, and dirt road realignment along 500 linear feet of stream. Existing willows located on the lower half of the channel bank will be protected during construction. The bank of the stream will be graded to a 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) slope and biodegradable slope protection fabric with coir logs will be applied. A 285-linear foot floodplain bench will be established four feet above the bed of the channel, with a minimum width of six feet. Approximately 500 linear feet of an existing dirt road will be realigned to the northwest to accommodate the proposed bank stabilization. The proposed dirt road will have a minimum width of 12 feet. The excavated bank and floodplain will be seeded by broadcast application, and the site will be revegetated in the form of live willow stakes, shrubs, and trees. The work proposed is expected to stabilize the eroding bank and increase habitat complexity. Stabilizing the bank will reduce sedimentation into the receiving watershed, thus improving water quality to the benefit of aquatic species. The planting of native vegetation will increase habitat complexity, consequently providing resources and cover to foster species diversity and abundance.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

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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