

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Santa Anita Fish Passage and Bridge Installation Project (Request No. 1652-2023-061-001-R5)

Project Applicant: Mauricio Gomez, South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at the crossing of Hollister Ranch Road over Santa Anita Creek within the County of Santa Barbara, Assessor’s Parcel No. 083-690-006.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Santa Anita Fish Passage and Bridge Installation Project submitted by Mauricio Gomez South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute.

The primary purpose of the Project is barrier removal for fish passage. The Project will remediate the limiting factors of fish passage by removal of the existing culvert structure and installation of a new full span bridge. Project activities also include revegetation with native plants and post implementation monitoring. The species likely to primarily benefit from this Project are southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) through increased access to habitat and enhanced habitat. The Project plans were designed to meet the physical and hydraulic design criteria included in the CDFW Salmonid Stream Restoration Manual, and criteria specified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Other species that may also benefit from this Project include the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*). The project size is 0.6 acres.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

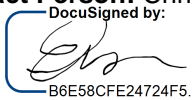
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mauricio Gomez, South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute

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.

CDFW Contact Person: Christian Romberger, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), (562) 292 6365

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