

Notice of Exemption

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From:
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Project Title: Lagunitas Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan (Project)

Project Location (Marin County): The Project encompasses approximately 8 miles of Lagunitas Creek, from 200 feet downstream of Devil’s Gulch confluence upstream to Peters Dam in Lagunitas Creek. The Project site is located in the County of Marin, California, on property owned by Marin Municipal Water District and on property in the adjacent Samuel P. Taylor State Park, centered at approximately Latitude 38.016287°, Longitude -122.722152°.

Project Description: On September 14, 2023, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) awarded a \$4,659,898.00 grant with Drought Resilience – Protecting Salmon funding to the Marin Municipal Water District for the Project. The Project will restore and enhance habitat for Coho salmon, steelhead, and other native species. Due to the construction of Peters and Seeger Dams, Lagunitas Creek has a lack of large wood and suitable gravel. To address these limitations, the Project will construct 13 in-channel habitat restoration sites; these sites will include installation of riffle-pool-wood structures, gravel augmentation, and modification of a tributary confluence in Lagunitas Creek. The Project will result in better spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids by adding large wood habitat to the stream, and by scouring, sorting, and storing gravels.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Marin Municipal Water District

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has determined that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW’s determination is supported by (1) Marin Municipal Water District’s June 22, 2023, initial determination as lead agency that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director’s July 7, 2023, concurrence with that Marin Municipal Water District determination, which is available at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences.

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