

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Pescadero Creek Habitat Enhancement at Pescadero Creek County Park (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-40245-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The Project is located in the unincorporated community of Loma Mar, San Mateo County, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 084-130-120 and 085-150-080, in the La Honda, California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute topographic quadrangle. The Project will be implemented within Pescadero Creek in the northwest portion of Pescadero Creek County Park from approximately 180 meters west of Carriger Creek to 600 meters east of Rhododendron Creek, centered at approximately NAD83 Latitude 37.259032°, Longitude -122.239820.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-40245-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to San Mateo Resource Conservation District.

The Project will install large wood features at approximately 35 sites along Pescadero Creek through unanchored direct felling methods. Approximately 125 trees adjacent to the stream will be used to construct large wood features and will be installed using hand tools. No heavy equipment will operate in the stream channel. The Project is intended to enhance approximately 3.2 kilometers of habitat for CCC coho salmon and CCC steelhead by creating high- and low-flow velocity refuge, sorting and storing sediment, providing cool cover and habitat complexity, and creating new pool habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. Cal. Pub. Resources Code Section 21080.56 Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects
- Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: Cal. Pub. Resources Code Section 21080.56; This project is exempt because it is exclusively restoration intended to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance the habitat for California native fish and wildlife, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife.

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