

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Sandyland Cove Road Bridge Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SBA-34516-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located at 100 Sandyland Cove Road where Sandyland Cove Road crosses over Franklin Creek in the Carpinteria Salt Marsh in the City of Carpinteria, County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.397337, Longitude -119.531003; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 004-031-002

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SBA-34516-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sandyland Cove Homes Association as represented by Jesse Groves.

The project is limited to the removal of the existing bridge and replacement with a new bridge. The existing bridge does not conform to fire protection access standards. The new bridge will be built to allow for fire protection access as well as maintain safe access for residents. It will be built in the same alignment but will be larger at 74-foot-long by 22-foot-wide. It will be single-span concrete bridge with no support pilings or abutments located within the creek banks. The new bridge deck will sit 1.5 feet higher than the existing bridge deck and will be set 2 feet above the FEMA 100-year flood level. The abutments will be 4 feet further back from the creek bank on the north side and 6 feet further back from the creek bank on the south side. In total, the bridge replacement design will open up approximately 319 square feet of creek channel by relocating the bridge abutments and removing the existing bridge piles resulting in additional creek channel area. A temporary bridge will be constructed to allow for access to the residential community. The project will not require any dewatering or stream diversion. Heavy equipment will be used to complete the project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: SANDYLAND COVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it is the replacement of an existing structure involving negligible expansion of existing use.

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