

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-41275-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project is located at the San Francisquito creek bank within the Caltrain right-of-way across the creek, approximately latitude 37.447286, longitude -122.170445, as well as immediately downstream in El Palo Alto Park in San Mateo County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-41275-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Hilda Lafebre, Caltrain.

The Caltrain San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Repair Project is an emergency repair project to stabilize the northern bank of the Caltrain bridge that crosses over San Francisquito Creek at the border of Menlo Park and Palo Alto, to improve public safety not just of the Peninsula Joint Powers Board infrastructure, but also the safety of Menlo Park and Palo Alto's infrastructure and bicycle-pedestrian bridge users.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrain as represented by Hilda Lafebre

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. PRC Section 21080(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15269)(a)

Reasons why project is exempt: The San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project will repair and restore the northern slope of a streambank supporting the San Francisquito Creek Bridge and the Alma Street bicycle/pedestrian bridge damaged because of a storm that occurred in January 2023. The Governor included San Mateo and Santa Clara counties in a Storm State of Emergency on March 8, 2023.

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