Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
CEQA Submit

From:
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Project Title: Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Maintenance and Repair Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SBA-41419-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Maintenance and Repair Project (Project) is located in the upper side tributary to Toro Canyon Creek near 1070 Toro Canyon Road in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.45703, Longitude -119.56031; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN])155-020-015.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. EPIMS-SBA-41419-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Barbara County Flood Control District represented by Andrew Raaf.

The Project is limited to maintenance and repair activities of a damaged existing oil water separator facility. Maintenance and repairs will be made to an oil water separator unit upstream, an underground oil storage tank downstream, and a gravity fed oil pipeline connecting the two components in order to keep excess oil out of the creek and protect the system from future damage.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

☒ Statutory Exemption. 15269(c) Emergency Projects
☐ Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: This Project will maintain and repair a damaged facility in order to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The emergency is the release of oil into the creek from the damaged system.

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