

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Sycamore Basin Downstream Restoration Project (Request No. 1652-2023-062-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Akiko Masuda, California Department of Parks and Recreation

Project Location: The Project will occur immediately downstream of Sycamore Basin within the Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area, in San Benito County; centered at coordinate 36.777267, -121.435972; Section 00, Township 13 South, Range 5 East; U.S. Geological Survey Map Hollister; Assessor's Parcel Number 023-030-003-000.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Sycamore Basin Downstream Restoration Project submitted by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, as represented by Akiko Masuda.

Existing conditions within the Project site include denuded understory vegetation, exposed tree roots, and geomorphic instability. The Project includes activities pertaining to stream recontour and stabilization, exclusionary no-climb fencing installation, and revegetation within a 1.3-acre Project footprint. The work proposed is expected to stabilize the stream, protect the Project site from off-road vehicle damage, and increase habitat complexity.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Parks and Recreation

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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