

## San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: SF Bay Regional Water Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
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**Project Title:** Sulphur Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:** (Lat: 38.487871, Long: -122.481619)

**Project Location - City:** Napa

**Project Location - County:** Napa County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Project will resolve existing adverse bridge hydraulics and fish passage impairment to restore salmonid access to 3.2 miles of high-quality spawning and rearing habitat upstream on Sulphur Creek. The project will replace a bridge with a larger-spanning bridge, remove the existing fish ladder, and reestablish the stream channel and surrounding embankments to natural conditions.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project as Lead Agency:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Name of Legally Responsible Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Napa Resource Conservation District

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number):
- Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): 21080.56-2023-033-R3

**Reasons why Project is exempt:** The Project meets all qualifying criteria within the Pub. Resources Code, Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d) and received written concurrence from the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on August 7, 2023 (Request No. 21080.56-2023-033-R3) pursuant to Pub. Resources Code, Section 21080.56, subdivision(e).

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