

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Monterey

From: (Public Agency): City of Salinas
200 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901

(Address)

Project Title: Lower Gabilan Creek Erosion Control and Habitat Restoration Project

Project Applicant: City of Salinas

Project Location - Specific: 0.35-mile segment of Gabilan Creek located near the center of the City, between the Creekbridge Apts (accessed from Manchester Circle) and East Laurel Drive.

Project Location - City: Salinas Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes erosion control and riparian habitat restoration and enhancement of 0.35 mile of Lower Gabilan Creek. Work includes: reconstructing the near-vertical, unvegetated, and actively eroding slope; removing invasive non-native plants; revegetating with native riparian species of trees and understory; and ongoing erosion control and habitat maintenance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Salinas

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Salinas

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 33 (Small Habitat Restoration), 15333
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is under 5 acres. The project will stabilize the stream bank with recontouring and planting native vegetation to reduce erosion, restore and improve riparian habitat, improve water quality, and reduce flood risk to adjacent properties. The project would not result in significant adverse impacts to sensitive or listed species or their habitat and would not result in significant cumulative impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Heidi M. Niggemeyer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-758-7988

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Heidi M Niggemeyer Date: 1/16/24 Title: NPDES Prgm Mgr
City of Salinas (lead agency)

X Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: