

Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central Region
1234 E Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710



Project Title: Rancho Cañada Trail Rehabilitation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-43565-R4)

Project Location: The Rancho Cañada Trail Rehabilitation Project (Project) is located within the Rancho Cañada Unit of Palo Corona Regional Park, within the City of Carmel, Monterey County; Latitude 36.539573, Longitude -121.887765; Section 00, Township 16 South, Range 1 East; U.S. Geological Survey map Monterey; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 157-181-009-000, 015-162-050-000, 015-162-047-000, and 015-162-051-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-MON-43565-R4 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for the Project. This Agreement describes activities that will address and resolve a Notice of Violation issued by CDFW on June 14, 2022 (Violation No. 1600-2022-0821-R4), in response to the large-scale grading and construction of a Multi-Benefit Community Trail (MBCT) within the floodplain of the Carmel River. Project activities include trail retrofit, construction, and retirement in addition to revegetation activities.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2, 3, and 4, California Code of Regulations, title 14, [sections 15302, 15303, and 15304]

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will consist of actions related to 1) the reconstruction of existing facilities, where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced (trail retrofit) 2) construction of a limited number of small facilities (trail construction) and 3) minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (trail retirement, decomposed granite removal, and revegetation activities). The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective measures of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-43565-R4.

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