## **Notice of Exemption**

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife Central Region 1234 E Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710



Project Title: Arroyo Grande Creek Stream Gauge Modification Project (Request No. 1652-2024-068-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Don Chartrand, Creek Lands Conservation

**Project Location:** The Project is located within Arroyo Grande Creek, in San Luis Obispo County, California; centered at coordinates 35.124254 -120.569238; Section 00, Township 32 South, Range 13 East; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Oceano; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 007-572-029-000 and 007-572-030-000.

**Project Description:** Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Arroyo Grande Creek Stream Gauge Modification Project submitted by Creek Lands Conservation, represented by Don Chartrand.

The primary purpose of the Project is to improve fish passage conditions within Arroyo Grande Creek by removing an existing concrete weir associated with a San Luis Obispo County stream gauge and replacing it with a cast-in-place V-shape-notched concrete weir. The jump height of the new weir will be lower than that of the existing weir. The new weir is also expected to reduce stream velocity. The Project will restore fish passage for all salmonid life stages and will provide fish access to 3.3 miles of habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Creek Lands Conservation

**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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