



Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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To: County Clerk, County of Alameda
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Date: 8/5/2024

Project Title: Sunol Glen Stage Gauge at Sinbad Creek

Project Location – Specific: Approximate coordinates of gauge station: (37.594578, -121.884459). Station placed on creek's maintenance trail terrace at Sinbad Creek/Arroyo De La Laguna confluence near Sunol Glen Elementary, 11601 Main St, Sunol, CA, 94586

Project Location – County: Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Zone 7 will install two telemetered pressure transducer probes and telemeter equipment near the Sinbad creek and Arroyo de la Laguna confluence. The stage gauge telemeter equipment will be installed within the Sunol Glen school's right of way to allow real-time stage monitoring for early storm water flooding within the flood prone area. This telemeter station is beneficial for both Zone 7 water agency and the Sunol Glen School to:

- 1) Better understanding of hydrology of Arroyo de la Laguna (ADLL) near Sunol Glen Elementary
- 2) Better understanding of hydrology of Sinbad Creek, a tributary feeding ADLL
- 3) Improve early flood warning notification for Sunol Glen Elementary
- 4) Fill telemetered stream data gaps at ADLL during a temporary removal of a downstream station stream gauge to coordinate with Caltrans bridge replacement project on Hwy 84 at Sunol.

The overall footprint of this project is very small with negligible to no impacts to the riparian corridor or to channel hydrology.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Zone 7 Water Agency

Project Manager: Justin Pascual

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))
- Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities; 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Rule
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines as follows:

15301. EXISTING FACILITIES. Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The project is also not subject to CEQA as follows

15061(b)(3) – COMMON SENSE RULE. The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

None of the conditions noted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15300.2 (as revised) will occur. Furthermore, this project will not result in potential for significant environmental impacts because:

- Work is investigative only; no construction.
- There will be no native ground disturbance, and no vegetation removal.
- Work will be limited to the smallest footprint practicable.
- Work will have no or minimal construction-related nuisances to local residents, businesses, or recreational areas, such as disruptions to traffic and increased noise or dust, etc.
- No impacts to sensitive habitat or wildlife are expected.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project could result in a significant impact.

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