

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: El Jaro Creek Rancho San Julian Fish Passage and Habitat Enhancement Project (Request No. 1652-2024-075-001-R5)

Project Applicant: Timothy H. Robinson, Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board

Project Location (include county): The Project is located on El Jaro Creek at 6000 San Julian Road within the city of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County. The Project is located approximately 300 feet east of Highway 1 at approximate coordinates 34.52993, -120.34242.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the El Jaro Creek Rancho San Julian Fish Passage and Habitat Enhancement Project submitted by Timothy H. Robinson, Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board.

The primary purpose of the Project is to enhance fish habitat through habitat improvement, barrier removal, and bank stabilization. The Project will mediate the limiting factors of water quality, excessive sediment yield, salmonid rearing requirements, and fish passage. The species that will benefit from this Project is southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

The Project includes installation and repair of features to benefit and enhance fish habitat. The channel upstream of the fishway will be reconfigured to remove a sediment bar that is encroaching upon the fishway upstream entrance, stabilize the right bank of the creek with toe-of-slope rock slope protection, and install native vegetation to stabilize sediment. The Project will provide a net benefit to southern California steelhead by improving habitat in El Jaro creek and enhancing fish passage. The size of the project is 0.12 acres and 175 linear feet.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Timothy H. Robinson, Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board

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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Signature:  **Date:** 8/12/2024

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