



City of Paso Robles Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Franklin Creek – Exposed Trunk Sewer Line Stabilization Project

Project Applicant: City of Paso Robles

Project Location – Specific:

The project site (figure 1) is east of River Road, south of Niblick Road. The exposed sewer trunk is approximately 225 feet west of Nicklaus Street and immediately northwest of Pat Butler Elementary School. (35.611811 N, 120.675035 W)

Project Location - City: Paso Robles **Project Location - County:** San Luis Obispo

Project Description:

This project is to prevent further erosion of an exposed 21-inch diameter trunk sewer line. The sewer line is exposed where it crosses Franklin Creek, an intermittent tributary to the Salinas River. Franklin Creek is a seasonal creek that conveys stormwater in a southeast to northwest direction through oak woodland and non-native grassland habitat. The sewer line is in a location that is at risk of continued bed and bank erosion and is vulnerable to failure pending the 2024-2025 rainy season. Potential sewer line failure is a public health and safety risk due to its location within a creek that is tributary to the Salinas River, its proximity to Pat Butler Elementary School (school yard is located 100 feet south), and adjacent multi-family residences.

The Project is divided into three construction components:

1. **Site Access.** Workers will use the existing dirt access road to stage/stockpile in areas that are annually mowed and maintained by the City for easement access. A main access point was identified upstream from the exposed feature, and an alternate access point was identified downstream from the exposed feature. Temporary creek access will need to create an even slope by excavating the top bank and filling the void below to create a side slope using a mini excavator. Access locations were selected with consideration of constructability of needed temporary slopes and because these areas are not vegetated with oak trees. The same soil would be used to fill the void at the toe slope to form an access ramp.
2. **Site Preparation.** Workers will remove/excavate woody debris from the exposed feature. Smaller tree roots from large red willow tree (*Salix laevigata*) will be cleared to minimize deleterious material. Red willow tree large roots may need to be cut and may be

salvaged for habitat restoration. Using a mini excavator or skid steer the eroded feature surrounding the sewer line will be backfilled and compacted.

3. Protect Sewer Line at Crossing. Rock Slope Protection (RSP) will fill the area immediately surrounding of the sewer line to support the crossing. Re-establish creek banks that were eroded away adjacent to the sewer pipe (upstream and downstream) to prevent further erosion at the crossing, and backfill the channel floor to re-establish the grade transition from upstream and downstream.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Paso Robles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Paso Robles

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption. Class 1 Categorical Exemption 15301b
- Statutory Exemptions.

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is consistent with the Class 1b Categorical Exemption because the proposed work activities will protect an existing public sewer line and is not intended to expand the capacity/use of the existing sewer line.

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Figure 1: Project Location