

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Maria Ygnacio Fish Passage Implementation – Patterson Ave Bridge (Request No. 1652-2024-076-001-R5)

**Project Applicant:** Maurico Gomez, South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located at the Patterson Ave Bridge over the confluence of Atascadero and Maria Ygnacio Creeks within the City of Goleta, in Santa Barbara County. The Project is located approximately 1.6 miles upstream from the Pacific Ocean at coordinates 34.4247700, -119.8107030

**Project Description:** Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Maria Ygnacio Fish Passage Implementation – Patterson Ave Bridge submitted by Maurico Gomez, South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute.

The Project will modify the existing concrete slab under the Patterson Ave Bridge that creates a fish passage barrier through the construction of sediment retention sills, which will be filled with engineered streambed material and provide a roughened channel bottom to allow for fish passage. Grading of the channel and banks will occur, followed by the installation of rock-slope protection. Erosion control and native vegetation will be installed post implementation. Aquatic species will be relocated prior to implementation, a coffer dam will be installed, and a diversion will be established for the duration of implementation. The Project will provide a net benefit to Southern California steelhead (*Onchorhynchus mykiss*) by remediating a priority fish passage barrier and increasing riparian cover. The Project area is 0.35 acres and 300 linear feet.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Maurico Gomez, South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute

**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:** 9/6/2024

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