

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research

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**From:**  
California Department of Fish and  
Wildlife  
Central Region  
1234 East Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, California 93710



**Project Title:** Iris Canyon Erosion Repair and Creek Enhancement Project  
(Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-54061-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located within Iris Canyon Creek, within in the city of Monterey, county of Monterey, California; centered at coordinate 36.59133, -121.88755; Section 00, Township 15 South, Range 1 East; U.S. Geological Survey map Monterey; Assessor's Parcel Number 001-743-016-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-MON-54061-R4 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for the City of Monterey Iris Canyon Erosion Repair and Creek Enhancement Project (Project). The Project is intended to restore a 50-linear-foot incised section of Iris Canyon Creek. The Project includes the construction of a boulder step pool within a 300 square foot area. The Project may include the installation of a temporary dewatering system.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

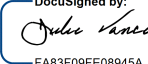
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Monterey

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects. The Project is intended to address erosion and sedimentation within a 50-linear-foot section of Iris Canyon Creek. The boulder step pool will provide vertical stabilization during high flow events. Special status species such as California red-legged frog are expected to benefit from the improvement to water quality. The Project will not produce significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat. There are no hazardous materials at or around the Project site that may be disturbed or removed by the Project. The Project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects.

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