

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Ventura

800 South Victoria Ave

Ventura, California 93009

From: (Public Agency): City of Ventura

501 Poli Street, Room 102

Ventura, California 93001

(Address)

Project Title: Foster Park Fish Passage Project - Phase 1 Notch Restoration

Project Applicant: City of Ventura

Project Location - Specific:

Ventura River in Foster Park (438 Casitas Vista Road)

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Ventura would restore an existing, City-operated notch within an exposed portion of its subterranean diversion dam on an as-needed basis, such that the intended function of the notch for fish passage is maintained. Key activities would include the clearing and redistributing up to 3,300 cubic yards of sediment within the floodplain and re-contouring a low flow channel to ensure fish passage at all flow conditions, including removing emergent plants that occur within the seasonally inundated portions of the then-current Ventura River low-flow channel. The project's purpose is to restore the original function of the notch and fish passage at all flow conditions by clearing out sediment and cobble from the structure and the area upstream of it on an as-needed basis, up to a maximum frequency of once per year, though the work is not anticipated to be necessary in all years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Ventura

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Ventura

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. State type and section number: Class 1 (Section 15301)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed restoration of the existing notch as a fish passage, through debris removal on an up to annual basis, is consistent with "repair, maintenance...or minor alteration" of an existing public structure. Additionally, the project would not expand use of the notch; during operation, the notch would fulfill the same purpose as the existing system intended. Therefore, the project involves "negligible or no expansion of use."

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sarah Mulder

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Jared Rosengren Date: 04/03/25 Title: Principal Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____