

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Hearn Retaining Wall Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-50539-R3)

**Project Location (Santa Cruz):** The Project is located at 1026 Trout Gulch Road in Aptos, County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.98088, Longitude -121.89038; Assessor's Parcel Number 041-081-39.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-50539-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Laurie Hearn.

In 2023, heavy storms caused a landslide on the banks of Trout Creek, immediately behind a single-family home. The purpose of the Project is to stabilize the bank adjacent to the creek to protect the property from further erosion. The Project is limited to the installation of a 90-foot (ft) long drilled pier retaining wall in the eroded area and patio behind the wall.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Laurie Hearn

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. 15269 (b)(c)
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1-33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301-15333)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves emergency repairs to privately owned facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code.

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