

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
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Project Title: MBARI Docking Facilities Repair Project

Project Applicant: Basilio Martinez, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

Project Location - Specific: 36.80260, -121.786677777778

Project Location – City: Moss Landing (Unincorporated Community)

Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project activities include: Installation of a 10-foot wide by 10-foot long mooring dolphin supported by four new 20-inch steel piles and connected to the MBARI research vessel dock by a 25-foot long by 3-foot wide aluminum catwalk; replacement of 51 wooden fender piles with 48 HDPE and 3 steel piles; installation of 47 galvanic pile jackets on existing concrete piers at the existing research vessel dock; and removal of a deteriorated wooden commercial dock that is no longer in use. The beneficiary of this project is the community of Moss Landing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Coast Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Basilio Martinez, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

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: Section 15301, Class 1 for Maintenance of Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why the project is exempt: This project involves minor improvements to an existing dock and the installation of an attached mooring dolphin. There is a net decrease in permanent soft bottom impact (-0.001 acres) and overwater coverage (-0.105 acres) due to the removal of an existing deteriorated fisherman's dock. The project activities are categorically exempt per Class 1.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Phone Number: Allie Mortensen, (805) 542-4627

If filed by applicant:

- Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature _____ Date May 6, 2025 Title Senior Environmental Scientist

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: _____