

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): San Francisco Bay
Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland CA, 94612

County Clerk
County of: Marin
3501 Civic Center Dr #234
San Rafael, CA 94903

Project Title: Arroyo San Jose Channel Stabilization and Repair - Site 8 Emergency Repair

Project Applicant: Marin Country Club

Project Location - Specific:

500 Country Club Drive

Project Location - City: Novato

Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project involves bridge reinforcement and stabilizing of a stream channel at the western part of the Marin Country Club site. Storms in winter of 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 resulted in significant runoff events that downcut and incised the creek channel, exposing shallow foundations around the bridge and exposing the sanitary sewer line leaving both the sewer line and bridge vulnerable to failure in future runoff events.

Both of these potential hazards would be addressed by the proposed project, which would stabilize the stream channel, reinforce the bridge, and protect the sanitary sewer line by creating a naturalized step-pool configuration and using vegetative soil lifts to stabilize the streambanks. Work would be completed within 15 work days and no work would occur during precipitation events.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clearwater Hydrology under contract to Marin Country Club

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[X] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets the conditions for an emergency project exemption described in Section 15269(b) and 15269(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines:

(b) Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency.

(c) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. This does not include long-term projects undertaken for the purpose of preventing or mitigating a situation that has a low probability of occurrence in the short-term, but this exclusion does not apply (i) if the anticipated period of time to conduct an environmental review of such a long-term project would create a risk to public health, safety or welfare, or (ii) if activities (such as fire or catastrophic risk mitigation or modifications to improve facility integrity) are proposed for existing facilities in response to an emergency at a similar existing facility.

The project involves emergency repairs to a privately owned facility, necessary to correct exposure of the sanitary sewer line and bridge. These emergency repairs would be completed within 15 work days and are necessary to prevent failure of the sanitary sewer line and bridge, and to prevent any potential risks to public health, safety, and welfare.

Lead Agency


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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:  Date: 10/07/2019 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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