

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Mission Canyon Pedestrian Walkway Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0162-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project site is located at the 600 block of East Los Olivos Street between Mountain Drive and the entrance to Rocky Nook Park in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0162-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Santa Barbara represented by Alexis Flores.

Permittee proposes to conduct repair work to the footbridge spanning Mission Creek which acts as the pedestrian access to Rocky Nook Park from Mountain Drive in the City of Santa Barbara. Repairs to the footbridge consist of removal and replacement of two existing corroding secondary steel supports on the walkway that are attached to the stone arch masonry bridge. Missing grout areas within the masonry will be re-filled. Equipment used to complete this project will include ladders, drills, scaffolding, air compressors, impact wrenches, and cutting torches. The ladders and scaffolding will be used to install a temporary support system along a retaining wall located on the south side of the bridge. The steel supports will be prefabricated and brought onsite. All steel and minor debris resulting from removal of the existing corroded supports will be hauled offsite and disposed of properly. Aside from a small amount of poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) growing along one of the corroded brackets, no trees or major vegetation will be removed. There will be no heavy machinery used, no staging of equipment, and no work taking place within the wetted portion of the stream. Project access will be from the existing parking lot for Rocky Nook Park. The project is expected to take 5-10 working days to complete.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This is the repair of an existing public structure involving no expansion of use.

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