

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Amador County Routine Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0226-R2).

Project Applicant: Amador County Department of Transportation and Public Works represented by Jered Reinking.

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located within the boundaries of Amador County, California located at 19 project sites where watercourses cross under County roadways. The locations are located on Dry Creek, North Fork Dry Creek, South Fork Dry Creek, Horse Creek, Big Indian Creek, Little Indian Creek, Rancheria Creek, Pigeon Creek, Oneida Creek, Rock Creek, South Brook, Pioneer Creek, Grass Valley Creek, and several un-named tributaries. The total maintenance project area is approximately 1,200 linear feet and covers 0.69 acres. Each project site is 2,500 square feet in size or less.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0226-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the County of Amador.

The proposed project includes the routine maintenance of facilities including invasive species removal, debris or obstruction removal, sediment removal, vegetation control, repair of facilities, and cleaning on anthropogenic debris. The lack of performing these maintenance tasks could potentially adversely affect the natural flow or otherwise reduce channel capacity, accelerate erosion, damage culverts, or bridge structures necessary to maintain the functional and structural integrity of the channels.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador County Department of Transportation and Public Works

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Class 1 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, (sections 15301(c), (h), (i), 15304 (a), and (g))

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 (c) because the project consists of the maintenance of existing highways, streets, and similar facilities. Class 1 (h) because the project will consist of the maintenance of existing native growth and may exclude the use of pesticides. Class 1 (i) because the project consists of the maintenance of stream channels by clearing debris. Class 4 (a) because the project consists of minor grading to repair erosion not located in scenic areas. Class 4 (g) because the project consists of maintenance dredging for sediment removal, where spoils will be deposited in authorized locations. No circumstances exist that create a reasonable possibility that the activities may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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