

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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County of: San Mateo

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From: (Public Agency): San Mateo Resource Conservation District
80 Stone Pine Rd, Suite 100
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

(Address)

Project Title: Mindego Creek Fish Passage Project

Project Applicant: San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

The project site is located within the "Log Cabin Ranch" property off Alpine Road, approximately 2.5 miles south of La Honda in San Mateo County. APN 083300010

Project Location - City: La Honda

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Water diversion infrastructure on Mindego Creek presents a frequent migration barrier to fish. The barrier will be addressed by removing a channel-spanning dam and fish ladder, and relocating the water diversion intake. The project will improve in-stream habitat and restore access to five miles of range for threatened and endangered fish while maintaining the water right diversion for the landowner.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Mateo Resource Conservation District

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: Class 33, Section 15333 (Small Habitat Restoration)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed restoration project is less than a half-acre in size and is for the purpose of habitat improvement for fish. The project involves removal of a fish passage barrier and channel restoration in accordance with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) Fisheries guidelines. To the maximum extent possible, temporary and localized impacts to sensitive habitats would be minimized by implementing the mitigation measures and construction-related best management practices.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Amy Kaeser

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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: 8/22/2020 Title: Conservation Project Manager

☒ 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: _____