

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Salson Trail & Culvert Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-56247-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to East Laurel Creek, in the County of San Mateo, State of California; Latitude 37.51928, Longitude -122.31737; Assessor’s Parcel Number [APN] 043-041-110.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-56247-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Belmont Department of Public Works.

The project aims to address damage to the Salson Trail roadway and an existing 48-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert conveying East Laurel Creek flows beneath Salson Trail. During large storm events in December 2022- January 2023, the creek overtopped the trail, eroding a portion of the roadway and severely damaging the culvert. The project involves removing and replacing the failed culvert with a new, 60-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert, installing a headwall, wingwalls, and debris-catcher poles on the upstream end of the culvert as well as a headwall and riprap apron on the downstream end of the culvert, replacing a damaged and at-risk segment of sewer main, and repairing the eroding section of Salson Trail so it can be reopened for firefighting access and recreational use.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

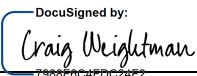
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Belmont Department of Public Works

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, Emergency Projects)
- Categorical Exemption. Type – [Class (1-33)]; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section ([15301-15333])

Reasons why project is exempt: The project falls under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269[a], “Projects to maintain, repair, restore...or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor,” CEQA Guidelines Section 15269[b], “Emergency repairs to...service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare,” and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269[c], “Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency” (i.e. to restore critical firefighting access at the wildland-urban interface).

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