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HOSTETTLER ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Riverside County Flood Control District
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Riverside, CA 92501

Project Title: Hostettler Road Drainage Improvements Project

Project Location - City/Community: Temescal Valley **Project Location - County:** Riverside

Project Location: The Hostettler Road Drainage Improvements Project (project) is located in Temescal Valley, Riverside County. The project site is located within Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 394-020-002 and 394-020-008 along Hostettler Road, south and east of Temescal Canyon Road, and south of Interstate 15 in Temescal Valley, Riverside County. The site is located within Township 5 South, Range 5 West, Section 16 of the Alberhill, California USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map. The approximate lat/long coordinates of the project are 33.732328; -117.413889.

Project Description: The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), in partnership with the County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing the emergency installation of two culverts at Hostettler Road. The culvert design consists of two double 4'W x 2'H reinforced concrete box culverts along a north/south segment of Hostettler Road, a local two-lane County maintained road, approximately 250 ft. south of I-15. Installation of the proposed culverts would include headwalls upstream and downstream of Hostettler Road, a concrete access ramp, apron and removable bollards on the upstream end, and an approximately 300' long x 25' wide open trapezoidal earthen channel with 4:1 slopes on the downstream end of the project. The road would be reconstructed (100' long x 45' wide) over the top of the box culverts, with new striping and guardrail. There are existing underground utilities within the box culvert alignment that will be relocated as a result of the project. The box culverts would collect flows upstream of the Hostettler Road bend and allow wet weather flows to pass underneath the road, alleviating flooding and road closures at Hostettler Road. The road currently floods and does not allow the safe passage of vehicles. The road closures pose a risk to life and property as Hostettler Road serves as one of two entry/exit routes for the Horsethief Canyon Ranch Community, and therefore, emergency ingress and egress is limited, posing a clear and imminent risk to life and property, especially in the event of a fire or an emergency evacuation.

The project is subject to compliance with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRCMSHCP). In accordance with Section 7.3.7 of the WRCMSHCP, within the Criteria Area flood control facilities (improvements and new construction) that are undertaken by a permittee are Covered Activities. The Project is an emergency flood control project undertaken by a Permittee; therefore, it is a covered activity under the WRCMSHCP.

Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Riverside County Transportation Department

Exempt Status: Emergency Project 15269 (c)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15269 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This section exempts projects that are necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. An emergency as defined in Section 15359(c) of the CEQA Guidelines are specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency and applies due to the anticipated length of time for environmental review of a long-term project. Due to the saturated ground, high groundwater table, and potential flooding associated with the incoming wet season, road closures at Hostettler Road, a vital entry/exit route for the Horsethief Canyon Ranch Community, are anticipated and would pose a clear and imminent risk to life and property by limiting access for entry and exit of essential public services such as emergency response vehicles or evacuations from the community due to any reason, including wildfire.

Lead Agency: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Lead Agency Signature: _____ **Date:** 7/21/2025

for JASON E. UHLEY
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