County of Santa Clara
Roads and Airports Department

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Notice of Exemption from CEQA

To: ☒ County Clerk-Recorder
County of Santa Clara

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Project Title	**File Number (if applicable)**	
Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Project		
Project Location [including APN(s) if applicable]		
Alma Bridge Road along Lexington Reservoir, south of the Town of Los Gatos and north of the unincorporated area of Lexington Hills		
Public Agency Approving Project		
County of Santa Clara Roads and Airports Department		
Person or Agency Carrying Out Project	**Address**	**Phone Number**
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Applicant	**Address**	**Phone Number**
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Project Description		
Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, in partnership with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, proposes to restore wildlife passage primarily for California newts, as well as other amphibian and reptile species and small to mid-sized mammals, across Alma Bridge Road. The restoration measures, or Corrective Actions, will be installed underneath the existing roadway of Alma Bridge Road, or as part of sections of elevated roadway, within the existing road prism. The project area is along approximately 1.47 miles of Alma Bridge Road along Lexington Reservoir, south of the Town of Los Gatos and north of the unincorporated area of Lexington Hills, in Santa Clara County.		
Exempt Status (check one, state CEQA Guidelines section number)		
☐ Categorical Exemption [CEQA Guidelines 15301-15333]: ☒ Statutory Exemption [CEQA Guidelines 15260-15285]: **Public Resources Code Section 21080.56** ☐ Declared Emergency [CEQA Guidelines 15269(a)] ☐ Emergency Project [CEQA Guidelines 15269(b), (c)] ☐ Common Sense Exemption [CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)]		
Reasons the project is exempt		
The project meets all qualifying criteria in Public Resources Code §21080.56,		

subdivisions (a) to (d), and received written concurrence from the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on November 14, 2025 (Concurrence No. 21080.56-2025-079-R3) pursuant to Public Resources Code, §21080.56, subdivision (e). Concurrence No. 21080.56-2025-079-R3 is available at 21080.56-2025-079-R3_Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Project_Concurrence_Final_20251114.		
County Contact Person	**Title**	**Phone Number**
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Date: 12/19/25 Signature: 

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