**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** County Clerk
County of San Mateo

**From:** Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
5050 El Camino Real
Los Altos, CA 94022

**Project Title:** San Gregorio Creek Fisheries Monitoring Project

**Project Location:** San Gregorio Creek (between State Highway 1 and Stage Road)

**City:** Unincorporated **County:** San Mateo County

**Description of Project:** The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) along with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) are proposing to install two Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag array monitoring stations to establish baseline data and track long-term trends in coho salmon and steelhead population within the San Gregorio Creek in San Mateo County. Installation of the two arrays in San Gregorio Creek and fish tagging would be undertaken by qualified biologists with the San Mateo RCD. Installation of monitoring equipment would be done by hand to install array tubes in the creek. Minor vegetation clearing may be required but no removal of trees or permanent changes to vegetation would occur.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Same

**Exempt Status:** In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is categorically exempt under the following sections:

> **Section 15306- Information Collection:** Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The proposed project includes the installation of two new PIT tag array monitoring stations to identify fish population status, trends, and migrations within San Gregorio Creek.
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> **Section 15304- Minor Alterations to Land:** Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; including but not limited to: Class 4 (a) Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent. Minor vegetation removal would be completed to clear the area for installation and maintenance of fish monitoring equipment. No healthy, mature, or scenic trees would be removed.

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