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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Capitola Road at Leona Creek Culvert Rehabilitation Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-62645-R3)

**Project Location (Santa Cruz County):** The Project is located at Leona Creek a tributary to Schawn Lagoon, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.97718, Longitude -121.98814; Assessor's Parcel Number 026-181-39.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-62645-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Cruz County - Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

The Project is limited to rehabilitating 100 linear feet of an existing 66-inch diameter corrugated metal culvert pipe located below Capitola Road on private property within drainage easements. Temporary diversion dams composed of clean gravel and visqueen sheeting will be installed at 20 and 25 feet from the upstream and downstream ends of the culvert to isolate the work area. Once isolated, the culvert interior will be cleaned, voids will be filled with repair mortar, exterior voids will be compaction grouted with polyurethane geotechnical foam, and fiber-reinforced grout layers will be applied using a centrifugally cast concrete pipe machine. No grading and earthwork will occur, and access to the creek and bank will be limited to foot traffic for diversion dam and pump installation and removal. All work will be conducted through existing manholes with construction staging adjacent to the roadway.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**Exempt Status:** On March 18, 2026, the County of Santa Cruz, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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