Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
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County of Monterey
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From: County of Monterey
Public Works, Facilities & Parks
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Project Title: Santa Rita Creek (Bolsa Knolls, Salinas) Emergency One-time Vegetation Management on County-owned Parcel

Project Location – Specific: Along Santa Rita Creek, starting upstream of 301 Cornwall St, Salinas CA, and continuing upstream for approximately 160 ft.

Project Location – City: Salinas **Project Location – County**: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: In preparation for the 2026/27 Super El Niño, the project will provide emergency flood mitigation to residents of the Bolsa Knolls community who have experienced chronic flooding. The project includes one-time targeted vegetation and debris management along approximately 160 ft of Santa Rita Creek through the use of hand equipment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Monterey

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Monterey, Department of Public Works in coordination with the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☒ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)):

☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301(c)

☐ Statutory Exemption: State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:
Executive Order N-14-26. On September 21, 2026, a State of Emergency was proclaimed to exist statewide due to the 2026–2027 El Niño event. This project is to perform emergency, one-time vegetation management to mitigate flooding of a community that has experienced chronic flooding, is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area and includes Repetitive Loss Areas. There will be no use of heavy equipment during the implementation of this project. Vegetation management and debris removal will be conducted by hand equipment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Trapani Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 784-5983

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: 11-06-27 Title: Associate Water Resources Hydrologist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant