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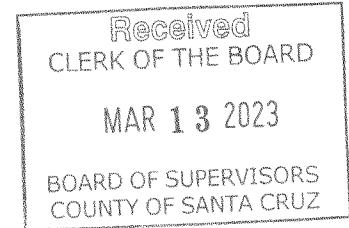
County of Santa Cruz

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - ZONE 7

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



To: Clerk of the Board
Attn: Susan Galloway
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Project Name: Lincoln Street at Pajaro River Levee Culvert Replacement

Project Location: The project is located at the following site along the Pajaro River levee:

Pajaro River Right Bank Levee Station 310+75 36.90913, -121.74709

Assessor Parcel No.: 017-273-05 and 017-281-29

Project Description: The proposed project will replace a damaged culvert that carries stormwater through the levee along the right bank of the Pajaro River in Watsonville, California. The corrugated metal pipe (CMP) is severely damaged and in danger of failing. Failure of this pipe during rain events could cause catastrophic failure of the Pajaro River levee system and put the surrounding residential and commercial areas at risk of flooding. The project will involve excavation of the levee prism with a 4:1 (H:V) cut slope along the length of the levee, deep enough to excavate and replace the lower gravity fed corrugated metal pipe CMP. An upper pipe, that is fed by a pump to minimize localized flooding, will also be replaced in this project. Approximately 1,745 cubic yards of levee material will be excavated and stockpiled for reuse on the adjacent bench above ordinary high water (OHW). The existing 18" gravity fed CMP and the existing 15" pump fed CMP will be replaced with new, similarly sized, dual-walled, HDPE, corrugated exterior, and smooth interior pipes. Once the pipes are installed, the levee will be reconstructed per USACE requirements and under observation of a geotechnical engineer. Headwalls will be constructed at the outfalls of both pipes and 40 cubic yards of rip rap will be placed around the outfalls to prevent the degradation of slopes. The project will include installation and maintenance of sediment control fencing during construction to prevent siltation and reduce sediment and chemical-laden runoff into the Pajaro River, as well as revegetation with erosion control species upon project completion. Work will also include removal of concrete debris from the project vicinity.

Agency Approving Project: Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7 (District)

County Contact: Antonella Gentile **Telephone No.** 831-454-2632

This is to advise that the District has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Categorical Exemption (specify type): §15301 (b)(d) Class 1 and §15302 (c) Class 2

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves replacement of an existing stormwater pipe for the purpose of rehabilitating and maintaining public facilities for public safety and involves no expansion of the existing use or capacity.

Signature: Date: 2/27/23 Title: Resource Planner IV
PERIOD COMMENCING 3/13/2023
AND ENDING 4/13/2023

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