

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works/Flood Control Division

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s) : 025-160-019; 025-210-010; 025-291-013; 025-351-016;025-351-017; 027-161-011; 027-211-009; 039-053-001; 039-113-001; 039-161-013; 039-211-015; 039-261-011; 039-301-017

Case No. N/A

Location:

Mission Creek from Los Olivos Street to Pedregosa Street and Valerio Street to Canon Perdido Street,
City of Santa Barbara/County of Santa Barbara

(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: Mission Creek Concrete Channel Fish Passage Project

Project Description: Within the exiting concrete lined channel bottom segments (0.3 miles and 0.8 miles long) the proposed project is to excavate and construct an approximately 4 foot wide and 3.5 feet deep fish passage channel with features every forty feet to provide slack water resting areas for fish. Two permanent vehicle access point ramps will be constructed into the channel as well. At the upstream end of each of the two concrete channel sections, a rock riffle (25' by 20') will be constructed in the natural channel to allow for a transition between the two channels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15333 Small Restoration Project.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary)

CEQA Section 15301 Existing Facilities:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. This project falls under section 15301(b) because it is within an existing flood control structure containing no significant habitat and involves no expansion of existing use.

CEQA Section 15333 Small Restoration Project:

Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that:

- (a) There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065,
- (b) There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and

This project will not result in adverse significant impacts on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat, is within an existing concrete lined channel which is not environmentally sensitive, and will not result in the expansion of the existing use of this facility.

Responsible Agency Contact Person: Maureen Spencer Phone #: (805) 568-3437

Department/Division Representative: Maureen Spencer Date: May 18, 2011

Signature: Maureen Spencer

Acceptance Date: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

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