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- 1. **Project Name:** Woodacre Creek Fish Passage Project
- 2. **Project Location:** Carson Way at the crossing with Woodacre Creek in the Town of Woodacre. Adjacent cross streets are Oak Grove and Redwood Dr.
- 3. **Project Description:** The project will replace an existing culvert that currently impedes salmonid migration for coho salmon and steelhead trout. The new crossing to be installed will include a natural-bottom, arched culvert with a natural channel within the culvert bottom, including embedded rock bands to stabilize stream channel grade and provide for slower water through the crossing. The project is located on the mainstem of Woodacre Creek, a tributary to San Geronimo Creek, in the Town of Woodacre.
- 4. **Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin County Public Works
- 5. **Project Sponsor:** Marin County Public Works
- 6. **CEQA Exemption Status:** Categorical Exemption Section 15333 D (6)- Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- 7. **Reasons for Exemption:** The project qualifies as a small habitat restoration project whose goal is to restore and protect habitat for fish. According to Section 15333D(6), examples of small restoration projects may include, but are not limited to: "Culvert replacement conducted in accordance with published guidelines of the Department of Fish and Game or NOAA Fisheries, the primary purpose of which is to improve habitat or reduce sedimentation". Design of the new crossing, dewatering of the stream, and installation of the new arched culvert and natural channel will be conducted according to both Department of Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries Guidelines for fish passage restoration, found in the Department of Fish and Game's California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual; Chapter IX: Guidance to Minimize Impacts During Stream Crossing Construction.

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