

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk  
 County of: Marin  
 3501 Civic Center Dr. #234  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**From:** (Public Agency): Town of Fairfax  
142 Bolinas Road  
Fairfax, CA 94930  
 (Address)

Project Title: Meadow Way Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Town of Fairfax

Project Location - Specific:

**Cascade Drive and Meadow Way, Town of Fairfax, Marin County**

Project Location - City: Fairfax Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Town proposes to construct a single-span concrete arch replacement bridge. The replacement bridge would allow safe passage for both automobiles and pedestrians. The proposed replacement bridge would also include raised reflective pavement markers at proper intervals to alert the drivers and pedestrians of the two separate travel zones. The new bridge would comply with federal and state design codes and weight limits and would do away with the deficiencies of the existing bridge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Town of Fairfax

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

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: Class 2, 15302 replacement of existing structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

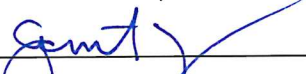
Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15269, which provides that "[s]pecific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency" are statutorily exempt from CEQA as the Town has become is concerned that the Bridge's collapse due to the scouring and undermining of the areas where the Bridge is attached to the banks, constitutes an imminent danger. As well, the substantially increased risk of wildfires and number of catastrophic wildfires in the Northern San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California in general, over the last three years due to the effects of climate change, pose an imminent danger of a wildfire destroying the Bridge and leaving residents of Meadow Way unable to escape the wildfire as well as firefighters unable to reach the homes on Meadow Way. The Project is also exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15302 for replacement of existing structures, as the Project replaces the existing Bridge.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Garrett Toy, Town Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (415) 453-1584

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: 6/5/20 Title: TOWN MANAGER

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_