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# **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**



TO: X Office of Planning and Research CEQAnet Web Portal https://ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov/  X County Clerk County of San Joaquin California 44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 260 Stockton, California 95202	FROM:	San Joaquin County Department of Public Works 1810 East Hazelton Avenue Stockton, California 95205
Project Title: <u>Larch and Clover Drainage Project</u>		
Project Location: <u>See attached vicinity map</u>		
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries: <u>See attached project description</u>		
Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin County Public Works Department		
Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin County Public Works Department		
This is to advise that the <u>San Joaquin County Public Wor</u> described project on <u>8/26/2025</u> and has made t due to the following:		ent has approved the above ation that the project is exempt
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)  X Categorical Exemption: Existing Facilities (Sec. 1536)  Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15282(I))	;))	
Reason(s) why project is exempt: <u>The project will reduce</u> <u>restoring functio</u> yehicle travel lai	nality and er	nhancing drainage. No additional
Lead Agency Contact Person: <u>Fatima Gutierrez, Assistar</u>		
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# LARCH AND CLOVER DRAINAGE PROJECT Project Description

### **Project Location:**

Larch Road: Corral Hollow Road to Tracy Boulevard; Clover Road: Corral Hollow Road to east end. **See** attached Vicinity Map.

#### **Project Justification:**

Larch Road and Clover Road are both located within a County maintained pocket area on the northern side of Tracy, California. The storm drainage consists of cross pipes, driveway pipes, and drainage ditches. The storm drainage systems are aging out and are becoming less reliant and unmaintainable. This project calls for the replacement of 120+ pipes along with reforming the ditches to grade for proper drainage. In the storms of 2017 and 2023, residential flooding took place in these neighborhoods. Public Works applied for and was awarded American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding for this project to replace as new all pipes and ditches.

#### **Scope of Work:**

The project will consist of:

- 1. Replacing and repairing the storm drain system on Larch Road and Clover Road.
- 2. Replacing driveway pipe (to County standards) and reestablishing roadside drainage ditches.

# **Environmental Setting:**

In these portions of the San Joaquin County, land usage is mixed between residential and industrial.

There are many large trees adjacent to the project area. Nesting and migratory birds, protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, may nest within these trees. Furthermore, the Swainson's Hawk, a raptor species of concern within the State of California and listed as threatened may nest adjacent to or within the project area. A pre-construction survey for nesting Swainson's Hawks and other migratory birds is recommended if construction is scheduled to occur from February 15<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Beneficiaries:**

The public will see increased safety and fewer hazards with this repaired storm drainage system. Overall, there will be reduced maintenance concerns and more reliability within the project area.

