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DATE: July 19, 2024
PROJECT TITLE: LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT
PROJECT LOCATION: Bald Hill Open Space Preserve, Marin County
ASSESSORS' PARCEL: 073-062-09 and 073-062-15

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to repair a landslide on Upper Road West that occurred during the winter of 2016-2017. Upper Road West is an unmaintained road that provides access to the private properties alongside it and to the Marin County Open Space District's (MCOSD) Bald Hill Open Space Preserve. The MCOSD took ownership of the landslide parcels on July 16, 2024 and can now implement the proposed landslide repair project. The landslide threatens to undermine Upper Road West, which would have unmitigated effects to ingress and egress for the private properties and Bald Hill Open Space Preserve. The project area has been covered to protect it from additional rainfall that may further mobilize the slide during the intermim. Soil boring was completed in March 2023 to assist with the design of the retaining wall.

The proposed project would consist of a new steel soldier pile and concrete lagging retaining wall to repair the slope failure adjacent to Upper Road West in Ross. The retaining wall would be 37.5-foot long. The piers would extend into bedrock at a minimum depth of 3 feet. The piles would be backfilled with reinforced concrete. Ten tons of light class rock slope protection would be placed at the northerly end of the retaining wall. The proposed project would also include new guard rail, asphalt paving to re-establish the road width, an asphalt berm, and other items.

The proposed project would be implemented by a contractor. Equipment would include a mid-sized excavator, drill rig, concrete truck, and dump truck. Construction access would be from Upper Road West. Staging for all equipment and construction materials would be limited to the existing road footprint. No road closures are expectation though traffic control would be in place to ensure safety during project implementation. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in debris therefore no disposal would be required. The project area is not within an area with identified wetlands or special-status plants, wildlife, or habitats and therefore no regulatory permit authorizations would be required. Project implementation would begin by mid-August 2024 and would require approximately 30 day to complete. Regardless of the project start date, implementation of the proposed project would be completed by October 15, 2024 so that the repair is in place before the onset of the rainy season.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks and Open Space
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Marin County Parks and Open Space Districtt

Reasons for Exemption: The MCOSD has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

Section 15301: Existing Facilities: The proposed project consists of the MCOSD constructing a retaining wall to repair a vehicular road from landslide damage. Implementation of the proposed project would involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the road. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in significant impacts based on location and would not impact an environmental resource or any designated environmental resource of critical concern. The project area is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 or within a state scenic highway. Implementation of the proposed project would not affect scenic resources, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, result in cumulative impacts; or result in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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