



October 24, 2023

Brian Pedrotti  
Community Development Director  
City of Arroyo Grande  
300 E. Branch Street  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Subject: Arroyo Grande Stream Gauge Modification Project

Dear Mr. Pedrotti,

Enclosed please find our completed Conditional Use Permit for the Arroyo Grande Stream Gauge Modification Project, which is tentatively scheduled for construction in August 2024.

- 1) Creek Lands Conservation (CLC) is a small nonprofit that works to enhance wild, native Steelhead trout habitat. As you may be aware, there are several barriers on Arroyo Grande Creek that prevent steelhead trout migration. One such barrier is the concrete weir associated with Arroyo Grande Stream Gauge, located within City boundaries. The scope of our project is to lower the concrete weir so that Steelhead trout may migrate upstream to over 4 miles of critical habitat. To accomplish this project CLC is relying on cash funds and in-kind donations from multiple sources including but not limited to California Department of Fish and Game (CDFW), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the County of San Luis Obispo. We request that you support us in this effort by waiving the Conditional Use Permit fee (\$6,388.00). We also note that CEQA has been conducted by the City of Arroyo Grande.
- 2) The project is on parcels 007-572-029 and 007-572-031, owned by the City of AG and Cherry Creek, respectively. Please see enclosed assessors map.
- 3) Permits from the Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Certification, the Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Application, United States Fish and Wildlife (USFS) biological opinion to support Army Corps Permit, and the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA) biological opinion to support Army Corps Permit, and CDFW Streambed Alteration Permit are underway.
- 4) No trees will be removed. A description of the impacted area and a revegetation plan is enclosed. The gate of the existing fencing will be unlocked and one section of the fence will be temporarily unbolted and removed to accommodate heavy machinery. The fence will be replaced and restored after construction.
- 5) A neighborhood meeting will be held no later than 30 days prior to construction at the offices of CLC to present the project in further detail to nearby homeowners and answer any questions from the homeowners. We will also outreach to the homeowners via mailed letters and door knob hanger tags.

6) The access has been changed so that impacts will be minimized. A crane, rather than a temporary access road, will be utilized.

Please let us know if you have any further questions or comments,

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