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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Route 269 Huron Highway Planting Project (Amendment No. 1 to Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-FRE-53614-R4)

Project Location (Fresno): The Project is located along Interstate 5 between highway post mile 7.86 and 8.08, 5 miles west of the community of Huron, in Fresno County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-53614-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the California Department of Transportation.

The Project would consist of activities related to new highway planting to satisfy mitigation requirements of State Route 269 Bridge: Arroyo Pasajero Improvement Project (1600-2017-0152-R4). The Project proposed to plant trees and shrubs along Los Gatos Creek. A temporary irrigation system will be installed to aid plants for three years out of a five-year plant establishment period. Amendment No.1 includes a change regarding root protector material.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

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Reasons why project is exempt: This Project is exempt because it is a revegetation planting project that will offset the impacts of tree removal within the same stream system.

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