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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Middle Mile Broadband Network Project (Notification of Master Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MMBN-43905-R3)

Project Location: The Project will cover existing State highway right-of-way where it intersects with streams within the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFW) Bay Delta Region, which includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo counties, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed a Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (MSA), pursuant to Fish and Game Code 1600 et seq., the project authorized by the MSA will be carried out by the California Department of Technology. The MSA authorizes activities related to installation of the state-owned Middle Mile Broadband Network, within CDFW’s Bay Delta Region. Activities authorized under the Agreement include the following: geotechnical investigations, site preparation (clearing and grubbing), trenching, subsurface drilling, trenchless conduit/cable installation, and backfilling of excavated areas. The MSA includes conditions governing authorized activities such as necessary reasonable measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Technology

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15269, subdivision (b); Public Resources Code, section 21080.51.
- Categorical Exemption.

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Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has concluded that the issuance of the Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080.51, subdivision (a)(1 – 5.). CDFW’s conclusion is supported by the activities authorized by and the conditions described in the Middle Mile Broadband Network Project.

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