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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Meridian Station Retirement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCL-54656-R3)

Project Location (Santa Clara County): The project is located at Los Gatos Creek, in the County of Santa Clara, State of California; Latitude 37.30686°N, Longitude - 121.91404°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCL-54656-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jared Lewis/San Jose Water Company.

The Project is limited to removing an existing elevated pipeline (above creek) and two (2) wooden trestles (one on each side of the bank) that spans the Los Gatos Creek and the riparian area above the creek. The pipeline would be removed via a crane staged within the developed area footprint, completely outside of the riparian/creek area. The wooden trestles are located above top of bank and will be cut at ground level by hand and removed by hand or aurally with the crane. Up to ten (10) mature riparian trees will be pruned to facilitate aerial access for the crane. The trees are rooted within the riparian zone and the canopy extends over the pipeline and Los Gatos Creek. Species include but are not limited to willows (~6"-10" DBH), coast live oak (~8"-20" DBH), sycamore (~8"-20" DBH) and non-native ornamental trees (~6"-10" DBH).

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 provides for minor repairs/alterations to publicly or privately owned service facilities. This project is consistent with exemption outlined in this section. The project involves the removal of an existing 16-inch water pipeline and associated trestles. This work is in compliance with CEQA Class 1 (Existing Facilities) because the pipeline and trestles are existing infrastructure. The project will not expand the current use or involve significant construction beyond the existing footprint. Pruning of up to ten trees to facilitate crane access is considered a minor alteration and will not result in significant environmental impacts to the surrounding area.

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