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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Madera County Flood Control and Water Conservation Agency Vegetation Management Program (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. 1600-2018-0160-R4)

Project Location (Madera County): The Project is located within the Chowchilla and Fresno Rivers, Ash and Berenda Sloughs, and Dry Creek, in central and western Madera County, California. In the Chowchilla River, Ash Slough, and Berenda Slough, the Project spans from the diversion structure upstream and east of the City of Chowchilla, westward to the Eastside Bypass Canal. The Project in Dry Creek spans from the Madera Canal and confluence of Daulton Creek approximately five miles northeast of the community of Madera Acres, westward to the Fresno River at Road 16. The Project in the Fresno River spans from the railroad crossing near Raymond Road (Road 28 1/2) and Highway 145 east of the City of Madera, westward to the Eastside Bypass Canal.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. 1600-2018-0160-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to Madera County Flood Control and Water Conservation Agency.

The Agreement authorizes routine, recurring channel maintenance activities to maintain channel flood capacity and water conveyance throughout Madera County though maintenance projects include vegetation mowing, herbicide application, debris and trash removal, tree trimming, and giant reed eradication. The amendment modifies the work season for arundo eradication treatments.

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: The amendment modifies the work season for invasive vegetation treatment authorized by the Agreement, for the ongoing maintenance of riparian vegetation to maintain stream function. The Project will not result in the expansion of any facility use and will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600 2018-0160-R4.

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