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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Foster Park Fish Passage Project – Phase 1 Notch Restoration Project (Restoration Management Permit, RMP No. RMP-2025-0005-R5)

Project Location (Ventura): Foster Park, along the Ventura River and in the Ventura River floodplain. The Project is located at approximate Coordinates 34.355506, -119.309752; Assessor's Parcel Number 060-0-220-260 and 060-0-290-01.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed a Restoration Management Permit (RMP No. RMP-2025-0005-R5) pursuant to Section 1670 *et seq* of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Ventura.

The Project is designed to ensure volitional fish passage for southern California steelhead and other native aquatic species at all flow conditions. Fish passage at the Foster Park Notch (Notch) will be restored by ensuring original function of the Notch and maintenance in the form of sediment clearing from upstream and downstream areas directly adjacent to the Notch.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: This Project ensures the maintenance of an existing fish passage structure, without expanding it's use, through the clearing of debris to protect fish and wildlife resources.

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