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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Atherton Channel Flood Control Maintenance Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-56435-R3

Project Location (San Mateo County): The project is located at the Atherton Channel, a tributary to the San Francisco Bay, in the County of San Mateo, State of California; Latitude 37.486668, Longitude - 122.181079; between Highway 101 and the Haven Avenue Bridge at 3723 Haven Avenue in Menlo Park, California, 94025.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-56435-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Menlo Park, as represented by Guan Huan Fu.

The project is limited to the annual removal of ruderal herbaceous vegetation from the banks of Atherton Channel, a rock-lined, 10- to 15-foot-wide trapezoidal engineered channel, using hand tools such as chainsaws and machetes. No trees or sediment will be removed from the channel. Herbaceous vegetation, once removed, will be loaded into covered trucks using manual labor, a lift, or a truck with an attached clamshell bucket. The vegetation will then be driven to the construction yard approximately two miles away where it will be placed into large dumpsters to be picked up by Recology trucks and hauled to a landfill for disposal. Accumulated vegetative debris near the culvert at the downstream limit of the work area will be removed using manual labor, a lift, or a truck with a clam shell bucket operated from above top of bank and will be disposed of along with herbaceous vegetation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304(g), Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt: This project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and involves repair maintenance to stormwater control facilities where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.

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Signature: DocuSigned by: Craig Weightman 7988F6C4FDC24F2... *Date:* 7/23/2025

Craig Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

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