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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Phase 2 Storm Damage Repair of Los Vaqueros Road and Culvert 24 within the Los Vaqueros Watershed – FEMA 4683 Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-55581-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at Kellogg Creek, a tributary to Old River, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.77483, Longitude -121.74196. The project site is rural in nature and consists of an existing, 230-foot section of Los Vaqueros Road, which provides vehicle access from North Vasco Road to the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Marina, the roadway embankment, and Culvert 24.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-55581-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Contra Costa Water District (CCWD).

The Project will remove and replace an existing 72-inch corrugated metal pipe culvert with a larger, 84-inch culvert. The new culvert will be approximately 100 feet long. CCWD will restore the shoulder of the northbound lane of Los Vaqueros Road and stabilize the roadway by constructing a soldier pile retaining wall with pre-cast concrete lagging along the length of the eroded embankment.

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: Section 15301 (b), which exempts "the operation, repair, maintenance ... or minor alternation of existing public or private structures and facilities", where "existing facilities" are defined as "facilities of both investor-and publicly owned utilities that are used to provide public utility services.

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