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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project Amendment (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-41275-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project is located at the San Francisquito creek bank within the Caltrain right-of-way across the creek, approximately latitude 37.447286, longitude -122.170445, as well as immediately downstream in El Palo Alto Park in San Mateo County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an Amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-41275-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Michael Tauchen, Caltrain.

The Caltrain San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Repair Project includes activities to stabilize the northern bank of the Caltrain bridge that crosses over San Francisquito Creek at the border of Menlo Park and Palo Alto, to improve public safety not just of the Peninsula Joint Powers Board infrastructure, but also the safety of Menlo Park and Palo Alto's infrastructure and bicycle-pedestrian bridge users. The Amendment includes work to remove rock slope protection placed under an emergency notification and minor excavation work and potholing near the bridge supports.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrain as represented by Michael Tauchen

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project Amendment will maintain an existing stream channel, involving minor alterations of topographical features and no expansion beyond existing use.

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