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**ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
Sweetbriar Bank Stabilization Project  
Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SHA-59828-R11**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), through its Northern Region Habitat Conservation Program has taken final action to execute the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) between the State of California, CDFW and Margaret McEnvoy for placement of rock slope protection (RSP) along 120 linear feet of streambank along the upper Sacramento River. In taking its final agency action for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), CDFW executes this Agreement relying on the categorical exemption for the Class 4 Categorical Exemption. (CEQA Guidelines, §§ section 15304.) Each exemption relevant to the Project is discussed below.

**Class 4 Categorical Exemption**

CDFW finds the Project to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304, the exemption for “Minor Alterations to Land”. Class 4, as relevant here, consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. The Project falls within the class because it involves placement of clean RSP along the existing topography of the streambank.

To protect the driveway and prevent further loss of property, the proposed project will stabilize the streambank by installing 120 cubic yards of quarter-ton rock along approximately 120 linear feet of the affected bank. Grading of the streambank is not required, as rock will be placed along existing slope contours to protect the slope from further erosion. All project-related activities will occur from the top of the riverbank, and no in-water work is required. No dewatering, water diversion, water bypass, or drafting is proposed. While small riparian shrubs may be trimmed or removed at ground-level to accommodate RSP, no mature trees are expected to be removed for the project, including the mature trees at the toe of the slope. Additional riparian vegetation will be planted within the RSP to enhance the riparian structure. The RSP will be delivered to the project site via a haul truck and installed on the riverbank using a backhoe. The existing residential driveway will be the staging area to store project materials and equipment. The placement of RSP on the streambank will not constrict the flow of the water in the Sacramento River, nor will added rock significantly alter the surrounding land, water, and vegetation. While the project is adjacent to and will tie into RSP that was previously permitted in 2018 under a similar Notice of Exemption, both projects combined have negligible cumulative impact.