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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: William Mason Regional Park Pathway Improvements (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-ORA-59798-R5)

Project Location (Orange County): The Project is located within the bed, channel, and bank of Sand Canyon Wash, the largest tributary to San Diego Creek, in the City of Irvine, County of Orange, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-ORA-59798-R5 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Orange County Parks.

The overall Project consists of the improvement of eight distinct segments of a concrete pathway within William Mason Regional Park. Project activities include removing and reconstructing low-lying concrete pathway areas, replacing storm drainpipes with pedestrian bridges, and removing existing concrete debris to alleviate routine flooding in lower-elevation portions of the trail. Specific Project activities will include site clearance using heavy equipment; removal and demolition of an existing concrete pathway and storm drainpipe; grading; installation of boardwalk bridges, riprap, piers, footing, abutments, and concrete sidewalks; and, protection of existing utilities. The total area for all eight sites in the Project footprint is 0.20 acre.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is exempt because it involves replacement of existing facilities, consistent with Title 14, Sections 15301 and 15302. There will be negligible expansion of use, and the replacement structures will be located on the same site and serve the same purpose as the existing structures. The project will not remove any trees.

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