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**ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
 Shasta County Public Works Routine Maintenance Agreement  
 Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SHA-47093-R1**

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 Shasta County for routine maintenance activities at existing County-maintained public works facilities within Shasta County. 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 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemptions, respectively. (CEQA Guidelines, §§ section 15301, section 15302). Each exemption relevant to the Project is discussed below.

**Class 1 Categorical Exemption**

CDFW finds the Project to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301, the exemption for "Existing Facilities". Class 1, as relevant here, consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project falls within the class because it involves maintenance of existing public works facilities. In brief summary, these activities include:

- Maintenance of existing ford crossings and seasonal roads.
- Clearing sediment and debris from around existing culverts, bridges, and other structures.
- Minor vegetation removal that maintains trees and bushes as viable.
- Vegetation pruning or removal to provide clear line of sight at intersections and at airports.
- Removal of hazardous man-made structures (car bodies, shopping carts, tires, trash, etc.) from water bodies for public safety and habitat improvement.
- Minor bank stabilization at existing facilities.
- Removal of sediment at Balls Ferry public boat ramp to maintain safe boat access.
- Maintaining channel access roads and paths.

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- Maintaining drop-inlet culverts that direct flow into stream channels.
- Removing, covering, and repairing vandalism on County facilities.
- Removing and abating trash dumping at County properties.
- Temporary water diversion related to covered County project activities.

Removal of sediment at Balls Ferry public boat ramp will require coordination with CDFW and a designated fisheries biologist to avoid impacts to or potential take of California Endangered Species Act-listed fish.

### **Class 2 Categorical Exemption**

CDFW finds the Project to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15302, the exemption for "Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities". Class 2, as relevant here, consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The Project falls within the class because it may include replacing damaged or undersized culverted stream crossings on non-fish bearing streams. For each proposed culvert replacement project as described, the Permittee shall submit a "sub-notification form", which would include supporting documents for the culvert replacement including hydrology studies, site assessment and biological surveys (if required), maps, and design plans. CDFW shall have thirty (30) business days to provide concurrence or non-concurrence that the work can be permitted under this Agreement. Fees submitted for projects identified by a sub-notification for culvert replacement are subject to *Standard Agreement* fees, as opposed to a *per-project fee for an Agreement for Routine Maintenance* associated with other routine maintenance activities covered by the Agreement.