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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Agua Hedionda Creek Channel Vegetation Maintenance Project
(Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SDO-54193-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The Agua Hedionda Creek Channel Vegetation Maintenance Project (Project) is located at Agua Hedionda, a tributary to the Pacific Ocean, in the County of San Diego, State of California; latitude 33.148942, longitude -117.297419; Section 9, Township 12 south, Range 4 west, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute map San Luis Rey quadrangle; San Bernadino meridian; Agua Hedionda land grant. The Project is located southwest of the intersection of El Camino Real and Cannon Road, immediately upstream of Agua Hedionda Lagoon Ecological Reserve.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SDO-54193-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Carlsbad.

The Project is limited to vegetation management within Agua Hedionda Creek between Cannon Road and El Camino Real bridges. The purpose of the Project is to improve flood capacity and reduce wildfire fuel loads by thinning and removing vegetation. Vegetation will be qualitatively monitored in August or September, after the peak vegetative growing season. Vegetation that is taller than 12 inches will be cut down to a maximum of four inches above grade, and overall understory vegetation of the site will be reduced to half of the site's ground cover. A minimum of 10 willow trees comprise of black willow, red willow, and arroyo willow will be maintained at all times and will be limbed up to a minimum of six feet above grade. Vegetation will be removed by hand wherever possible.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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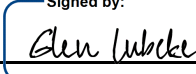
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Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Categorical Exemption Class 4, section 15304 refers to minor alterations to land, including, but not limited to, fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation. The Project involves fuel modification activities to reduce vegetative fuel loads adjacent to existing roadways and bridge structures.

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