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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Polvadero Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration No. EPIMS-FRE-48420-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur in a 250-foot length of Zapato Chino Creek, south of Jayne Avenue, approximately 1.5 miles west of Interstate 5 and 4.5 miles east of Highway 33, in the Guijarral Hills oil field approximately 8.6 miles east of the City of Coalinga, western Fresno County; in the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 21 South, 16 East, MDBM; USGS 7.5-Minute Quad Guijarral Hills; from coordinates 36.13317, -120.18822 downstream to 36.13343, -120.18799 ; Assessor's Parcel Number 085-030-14.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-48420-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Chevron Production North America Exploration and Production.

The Project includes activities required to excavate and remove polychlorinated biphenyls- and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon-containing soil from a decommissioned oil field. Activities will also include placement of imported fill material, recontouring, and seeding of the site.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Chevron Production North America Exploration and Production

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 30; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15330

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes alteration to remove contaminated soils from an abandoned oil and gas field. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Stream Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-48420-R4.

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