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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Jewett Creek Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TEH-58957-R1)

Project Location The project is located at Tehama County assessor's parcel number (APN) 061-320-002-000 located on Jewett Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River, in Tehama County, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-TEH-58957-R1 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Joshua Soske Bypass Trust under the Soske Family Trust, as represented by Stephen Soske.

The project is intended to remediate damages incurred to fish and wildlife resources resulting from Fish and Game Code violations documented within Jewett Creek, a tributary to the Sacramento River. The project consists of the following activities:

- 1) North/South Branch Hydrology Restoration- An approximately 1,400-linear foot section of earthen levee on the south bank of the north branch of Jewett Creek beginning at and west of approximately 39.934811°, -122.264529° will be removed to allow water to overflow into the south branch during high flow events. The area will be graded smooth, stabilized with stormwater best management practices, and spoils hauled to a suitable upland location where they cannot return to the stream.
- 2) North Branch Bank Remediation- An approximately 1,600 linear foot section of unauthorized earthen levee will be relocated approximately fifteen feet further from the stream edge from its current location. All cuts will be excavated at 2:1 slopes, all fills placed at 2:1 slopes, and all clean fill material moisture conditioned and compacted to 90% relative compaction.
- 3) Upstream Tire Removal- At approximately 39.933477°, -122.269724° an estimated 10 to 15 vehicle tires that washed down from an upstream parcel will be removed from the bed and bank of the north branch of Jewett Creek. Minimal

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bank excavation is expected due to most tires being in loose soil within the channel bed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Joshua Soske Bypass Trust under the Soske Family Trust, as represented by Stephen Soske
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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption.

Class 4, Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304, Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Class 8; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308, Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of activities intended to remediate Fish and Game Code violations and minor alteration of land without the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

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