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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Whitehead Slough Bridge Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAS-57688-R1)

Project Location (Lassen): The project is located at Whitehead Slough, tributary to Honey Lake in the County of Lassen, State of California; Latitude 40.33661, Longitude - 120.36423. From Susanville follow CA-36 East for approximately 4.3 miles, turn left onto US-395N and follow for approximately 9.2 miles, turn right onto Standish Buntingville Road for 2.0 miles, turn left onto Capezoli Lane and follow for 3.1 miles to Whitehead Slough.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAS-57688-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Lassen County – Department of Public Works.

The project is limited to the replacement of the existing, structurally deficient bridge at Whitehead Slough to maintain access across the slough. The existing bridge is 54-foot-long by 19-foot-wide steel span structure that provides access for two-way traffic across Whitehead Slough on Capezoli Lane. The existing bridge would be replaced with a new 83-foot-long and 36-foot-wide bridge. The new bridge abutments would be located outside of the channel above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM), and the bridge superstructure would span the channel with no central supports.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

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Statutory Exemption. [State code number]

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, 2, and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections:

15301 – Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

15302 – Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project will replace the existing Whitehead Slough bridge. The new structure would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project will have no significant impact on the environment.

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