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Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Bayfront Canal Routine Maintenance (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-55177-R3

Project Location (San Mateo): The project is located at Bayfront Canal, a tributary to the San Francisco Bay, in the County of San Mateo, State of California; between Latitude 37.489670, Longitude - 122.206338 and Latitude 37.488151, Longitude - 122.184648; beginning in the portion of Bayfront Canal behind Douglas Court in Redwood City, and ending at the portion of the canal behind 3585 Haven Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94025.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-55177-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Redwood City, Public Works Services Department as represented by Terence Kyaw.

The Project involves “routine maintenance activities,” generally defined as periodic activities necessary to maintain the water transport capacity of Bayfront Canal. Maintenance activities include removal of overgrown cattail vegetation as well as trash and debris removal from 3,200 linear feet of a 6,400 linear-foot section of Bayfront Canal. Vegetation within the canal will be scooped using a crane and clam bucket and will be placed on top of the adjacent access road and levee to the north to dry. Once dried, it is loaded into trucks and hauled away as green waste. No heavy equipment (excavator, crane, etc.) will enter the canal at any time, and no dredging of sediment will be done with the clam bucket. Hand crews will manually remove vegetation and debris from areas the crane is unable to reach. All vegetative material, trash, and other debris will be bagged and hauled off-site for disposal.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption. [State code number]

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 (c), (d), and (h); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves routine maintenance activities of the existing Bayfront Canal which provides water transport from communities in Redwood City, Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, and portions of unincorporated San Mateo County to the San Francisco Bay. Vegetation and trash clearing from within the canal is necessary to prevent flooding and meet the current standards of public safety within communities adjacent to and upstream of the canal.

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