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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Fairmount Park Stormdrain Outlet Sediment Removal and Fire Fuel Reduction Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-39817-R6

Project Location (Riverside County): The Fairmount Park Storm Drain Outlet Sediment Removal and Fire Fuel Reduction Project (Project) is located south of State Route 60 and Market Street, on the northwest side of Lake Evans in Fairmount Park at 2601 Fairmount Blvd, in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.99700, Longitude -117.38217. The Project is in the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Township 2 South, Range 5 West, San Bernardino Principal Meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number: 207-070-001.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-39817-R6], pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Riverside - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department.

The Project includes two routine maintenance activities, vegetation management activities and removal of sediment. Fire fuel reduction and weed abatement activities will involve removing non-native plants and thinning of understory. Trees will be limbed up to 8 feet, understory thinned out according to California defensible space standards. Equipment includes mechanical cutters, shredders, string trimmers, and chainsaws. The Project site will be accessed using the maintenance road being created from the parking lot at Legion Hall. The Project includes the removal of sediment from the outlet and about 230 feet downstream of the storm drain outlet structure to create and maintain a low-flow channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 01; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: The storm drain system was constructed in 1985 (City of Riverside Public Works Plan D-431). The work being preformed now is maintenance and minor alteration of existing facility not expanding uses.

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