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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Madera County 4 Stream Gauge Installation-DWR (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MAD-51500-R4)

Project Location (Madera County): The Project activity will take place at four locations, including one location in Ash Slough, one location in Berenda Slough, one location in the Chowchilla Bypass, and one location in the Fresno River, in Madera County, California.

Project Number	Stream	Latitude	Longitude
Project 1	Ash Slough	37.04237	-120.43584
Project 2	Berenda Slough	36.99614	-120.38329
Project 3	Fresno River	36.96793	-120.34064
Project 4	Chowchilla Bypass	37.97532	-120.38206

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAD-51500-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to the California Department of Water Resources.

The Project includes activities related to the installation of stream gauges at four locations. Project activities also include site preparation with vegetation removal and permanent concrete installation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On October 28, 2024 (Ash Slough and Berenda Slough locations), and December 4, 2024 (Fresno River and Chowchilla Bypass locations), the California Department of Water Resources, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15306. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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