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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: 0R010 RIV 91 B Canyon Culvert Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-47437-R6, Amendment No. 1)

Project Location (Riverside County): The 0R010 RIV 91 B Canyon Culvert Project (Project) is located at an unnamed tributary to the Santa Ana River, where a culvert crosses underneath State Route 91, in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.871379, Longitude -117.665838.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-47437-R6 (Agreement), pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to California Department of Transportation, District 8.

Amendment No. 1 revises the Agreement to reduce the frequency of required pre-activity sweeps by Designated Biologists.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

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

On July 1, 2015, the California Department of Transportation District 8, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084 and to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301. 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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