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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Buena Vista Creek Restoration and Disadvantaged Community Stewardship Planning Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SDO-55271-R5).

Project Location (San Diego): Buena Vista Creek, in the County of San Diego, State of California; at the approximate coordinates of 33.180299, -117.291070. The project site is situated within the City of Oceanside, near the intersection of Thunder Drive and Lake Boulevard.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-55271-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Oceanside.

The project is limited to debris removal, invasive and non-native vegetation removal, channel enhancement and bank stabilization, native revegetation, and upland restoration. The project will also remove an unregulated trail network from the riparian area and establish a formal trails and recreational area outside of the riparian corridor. The project intends to restore and enhance 6.72 acres (4.79 acres of stream habitat) of southwestern willow riparian forest, southern willow scrub, southern coast live oak riparian forest, mule fat scrub, and Diegan coastal scrub.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status: On September 18, 2024, the City of Oceanside, the Lead Agency, determined that the project is Statutorily Exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.56. Per the Public Resource Code section 21080.56, the Lead Agency determined that the project meets certain qualifying criteria set forth in subdivisions (a)

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to (d), inclusive. 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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