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Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Conservation Lands Creation, Restoration, Enhancement, Preservation, and Maintenance Program (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. 1600-2012-084-R6 Extension and Amendment)

Project Location (Riverside and San Bernardino County): The Projects are located within several lakes and streams and associated habitats within the Santa Ana River and Whitewater River Watersheds in the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has extended and amended Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement Notification No. 1600-2012-084-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, for the project applicant, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District. The Permittee's Conservation Lands Creation, Restoration, Enhancement, Preservation, and Maintenance Program includes projects for the creation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, conservation, and maintenance of various habitats, native vegetation buffers, and other lands within the Santa Ana River Watershed and White River Watershed. Project activities will occur on private and public lands, including conservation easements held by the Permittee.

The Project involves an extension to allow the Permittee to extend the term of the LSA from June 15, 2025, to June 15, 2028. The extension also includes modifications to the measures in the Agreement and additional measures to protect fish and wildlife resources.

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 (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, § 15301(h and i) Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1, §15301(h) and (i), Existing Facilities: The project is exempt under Class 1 because it consists of the maintenance of topographical features such as existing landscaping and native growth; wildlife habitat areas; and waterbodies such as stream channels and riparian areas, through habitat restoration, enhancement, and conservation, to protect fish and wildlife resources.

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