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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: De La Vina Bridge Street Replacement Project (California
 Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2025-071-05 (ITP))

Project Location (Santa Barbara): The De La Vina Street Bridge Replacement
 (Project) is located over Mission Creek, on the 2700 block of De La Vina Street
 between Vernon Road and Alamar Avenue within the City of Santa Barbara.
 The Project is located at approximately 34.436429, -119.726075. The Project site is
 bounded by Vernon Street to the west and West Alamar Avenue to the east.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has
 issued an ITP (No. 2081-2025-071-05), pursuant to Section 2081 (b) of the Fish and
 Game Code to City of Santa Barbara.

The Project includes replacement of the De La Vina Street Bridge over Mission
 Creek. The Project activities include demolition of an existing bridge and
 buildings; utility relocation; temporary creek diversion and dewatering;
 temporary construction of diversion dams; installation of the new bridge,
 associated abutments, concrete wingwalls, rock slope protection, and
 downstream soldier pile walls; use of temporary work areas within the creek;
 temporary installation of approximately 625 cubic yards of fill in the channel to
 act as a platform for a Drill Rig; and other activities. The covered activities under

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this Incidental Take Permit only include portions of Stage I of the Project which will be constructed from the issuance of this permit. Stage 1 of the Project entails the construction of the downstream portion of the bridge, abutments and channel walls, placement of rock slope protection to reconstruct the creek banks, creek grading, and temporary creek diversion.

The Project is expected to cause the permanent loss of 0.01 acres of habitat for southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) due to alteration of the creek bank and temporary loss of 0.15 acres of habitat for southern California steelhead. Indirect impacts resulting in 7,275 linear feet will occur between the Project site and the bridge over Mission Creek on California State Route 192. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of southern California steelhead, which is/are designated as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On March 8, 2021 the City of Santa Barbara, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302. 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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