NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Project No.: SP2026-0006

Location: 2936 Industrial Parkway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (APN: 111-291-037)

Project Title: SEMCO Soil Vapor Extraction System

Project Applicant: City of Santa Maria

Project Description: The Water Board approved workplan for response that will include the installation and operation of a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system, and the installation of piping for a future possible retrofit to a vapor intrusion mitigation system (VIMS). Eight SVE wells will be installed and operated within the target treatment zone spaced approximately 56 feet apart, and aboveground piping will connect each wellhead to the SVE control panel/system. The SVE System will address the constituent of concern, trichloroethene (TCE), in the shallow zone at the Site. The target treatment area approximately 17,000 square feet located on Assessor Parcel Number 111-291-037 (2936 Industrial Parkway, Santa Maria, CA 93455). The vertical target treatment zone is in the shallow zone (to the low permeability layer at the bottom of the perched zone to the first observed clay interval, up to 50 feet bgs). Therefore, the target treatment zone is approximately 850,000 cu. ft.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Coast Regional Water Board

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria Public Airport District.

Exempt Status:

_____ Ministerial
_____ Statutory Exemption
X Categorical Exemption
_____ Emergency Project

Cite specific CEQA or CEQA Guidelines Section: This is a Class 30 (Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances) categorical exemption based on Section 15330 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Reasons to support exemption findings: This project consists of actions taken by a regulatory agency, pursuant to a voluntary settlement, to assure restoration and enhancement of state waters and to protect the environment. The project is designed to improve environmental conditions that will benefit the people of Santa Barbara County. The project is a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or hazardous substances. The project will not exceed $1 million in cost. The project does not involve the onsite use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit. The project does not involve the relocation of residences or businesses. The SVE system is a small-scale treatment system that will be permitted and operated in accordance with Air District requirements. The project will comply with all other local environmental permitting requirements. No further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kelsey DeLong, PE, Water Resource Control Engineer, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Department/Division Signature: _____

Date: February 3, 2026

Acceptance Date: Cody Graybehl

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____