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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: County of Kern Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area Water Wells Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-54001-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project will occur at two locations within Lake Webb, 4.7 and 5.1 miles west of Interstate 5, respectively, approximately 10 miles southwest of the City of Bakersfield, southwestern Kern County; the southwest corner of Section 14 and the northwest corner of Section 15, Township 31 South, 25 East, MDBM; USGS 7.5-Minute Quad Buena Vista Lake Bed; coordinates 35.229731, -119.268744 and 35.23276111, -119.27949722; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 184-030-34-00-9 and 184-030-33-00-6.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-KER-54001-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kern County General Services.

The Project includes activities required to construct outlet structures to discharge pumped groundwater into the lake to account for evaporation and infiltration. The activities include construction of a concrete anchor block with pipe and a riprap field at each location.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

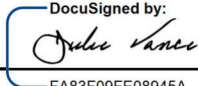
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Exempt Status: On June 25, 2024, the County of Kern, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain

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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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