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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Lake Machado Ecosystems Resource Management and Long Term Maintenance Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. 1600-2019-0275-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Project is located at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park within the Wilmington Drain area including the north channel, Lake Machado, and the southern marsh areas below the Lake Machado dam. The Project is located in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California; Latitude 33.790823, Longitude -118.285811; 25820 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90710.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. 1600-2019-0275-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Los Angeles - Department of Recreation and Parks.

The Project is limited to routine maintenance activities within the wetland areas at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. The park contains 159 acres of maintenance area, including the Wilmington drain outlet, the riparian woodland area north of Lake Machado, Lake Machado with emergent wetland vegetation along the lake edges, and the lower freshwater marsh areas south of the dam. The Project will result in annual clearance of up to 4.25 acres of bulrush marsh habitat in rotating segments, for a total of 21.5 acres of treatment area. Project activities will be carried out to reduce the litter and invasive species within the wetland areas, and to allow access for vector control activities. This amendment further defines the brush clearance activity and work windows. It also removes duplicate minimization measures.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status: On April 8, 2024, the City of Los Angeles – Department of Recreation and Parks, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301. 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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