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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: SVID Regular Operation and Recharge Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SIS-57114-R1)

Project Location (Siskiyou): The project is located at Scott River, a tributary of Klamath River, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Latitude 41.43836 decimal degrees, Longitude -122.84583 decimal degrees; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 023-130-020-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SIS-57114-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Scott Valley Irrigation District.

The project is limited to the act of diverting water from Scott River at a single point of diversion for their regular operation and maintenance, and recharge project in coordination with Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Permittee has a channel spanning dam on the Scott River that impounds water for diversion. Water is diverted through a headgate into a fish screen and finally down a ditch to provide water to multiple points of use. CDFW completes the operation and maintenance of the fish screen, and fish screen bypass return from the diversion to Scott River. In coordination with Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Permittee has agreed for their diversion to be used for a Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Project as a Management Action within the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for this basin, pursuant to SGMA.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

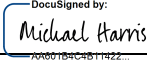
Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption.

- Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination.
- Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agriculture purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is limited to operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features with negligible or no expansion. The diversion facilities are currently in good working order.

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Signature:  _____ Date: 3/26/2026

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