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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Quiota Creek Crossing 0A Sediment Removal Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SBA-43211-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The Quiota Creek Crossing 0A Sediment Removal Project (Project) is located where Quiota Creek crosses through Alisal Ranch, just west of North Refugio Road in the town of Santa Ynez, Santa Barbara County, California; Latitude 34.581478, Longitude -120.108033. The Project is located within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 137-290-027.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBA-43211-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Charles Jackson.

The Project is limited to the routine maintenance of aggraded sediments within Quiota Creek under, upstream, and downstream of the bottomless arch culvert-bridge known as Quiota Crossing 0A. Routine maintenance activities at this location will restore full flow conveyance under the bridge. Equipment to be used includes a small bulldozer, a mini or full-sized excavator, and a dump truck. An excavator or small bulldozer will enter the stream and remove the aggraded sediments by placing them into a dump truck positioned on the deck of the bridge. The dump truck will then haul away the sediment to a pre-determined disposal site on the Alisal Ranch (Permittee's property). Access to the streambed will be from an adjacent ranch road and down the streambank.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: CHARLES JACKSON

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 addresses operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features. Included in the exemption are existing highways and streets. The project consists of the maintenance around the bottomless arch culvert-bridge known as Quiota Crossing 0A. No expansion of use is proposed. The project is exempt because it involves the maintenance of existing highways and streets.

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