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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Milsap Thinning Project

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): Closest physical address to the location is 200 Gillette Road Watsonville, CA 95076, 36.96976, -121.83126. There are two project locations within the site: one on CDFW property along Gillette Road and one within Milsap preserve.

Project Description: The project consists of the removal of 20 Eucalyptus trees within Milsap preserve adjacent to the pond. At the border of Milsap preserve along Gillette Road, approximately six acres will be thinned to create a shaded fuel break. Only Eucalyptus trees ten inches in diameter or smaller will be removed. This project will remove dangerous fuels and improve habitat.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project includes minor alteration to land with only tree removal and no grading. The trees to be removed are non-native Eucalyptus that pose a threat to habitat and property.

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