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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Temescal Wash Long-Term Maintenance Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-59451-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Temescal Wash Long-Term Maintenance Project is located on land leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the City of Corona, within Riverside County, California. The Project is located within areas across an approximately 1,275-acre area bordered by River Road to the north, Railroad Street to the south, Lincoln Avenue to the east, and the Prado Basin to the west. It includes five blue-line streams: North Norco Channel, South Norco Channel, Oak Street Drain, Main Street Drain, and Temescal Creek, as shown on the USGS topographic map Corona North, California. The site encompasses 16 Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 101-110-002, 102-020-031, 102-400-086, 118-020-001, 119-150-025, 119150-026, 119-483-022, 121-120-024, 121-140-028, 121-150-005, 119-150-007, 119160-008, 121-140-018, 121-080-014, 121-130-002, and 121-190-001. The Project is within the USGS Corona North 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, in Township 3 South, Range 7 West, San Bernardino Principal Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-59451-R6 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Corona (Permittee) or as represented by Eugene Silvas.

The Project is limited to maintenance consisting of trash and debris removal, removal of sand, sediment, vegetation, and non-native plant species within existing City facilities in South Norco Channel, North Norco Channel, Butterfield Channel, Clearwater Channel, and Temescal Creek, so that each facility will function and/or operate to its designed capacity.

Maintenance activities include clearing all vegetation, debris, and sediment from within, or around, one bridge, two levees, 11 culverts, seven paved and unpaved roads, four roadside ditches, two storm drains, two airport emergency exits, two flood walls, and six unlined channels. Equipment used to complete maintenance activities includes chainsaws, weed whippers, rubber wheeled backhoes, dump trucks, excavators, dozers, backhoes, as well as hand and power tools.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE


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Exempt Status: On June 21, 2010, the City of Corona, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Type – Class (1); 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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