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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: North Fork Willow Creek, Soquel Diversion (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MAD-61056-R4)

Project Location (Madera): The Project is located in a 200-foot length of North Fork Willow Creek at the Soquel Diversion Weir 1,300 feet east of Soquel Meadows, approximately 10 miles northeast of Oakhurst, Madera County, California; Section South 10, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map White Chief Mountain, MDB & M; Latitude 37.42598, Longitude -119.54791; Assessor’s Parcel Number 057-116-013-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAD-61056-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Madera Irrigation District.

The Project includes activities related to the one-time mechanical removal of accumulated sediment from the upstream side of the Soquel Diversion Weir, located on the Northern Fork of Willow Creek, in Madera County.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project exempt because it involves the maintenance of an existing facility and will not result in an expansion beyond the existing capacity of the facility.

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Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

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