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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Golf Course Creek Maintenance Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS -ORA-61959-R5)

Project Location: The Project is located within the portion of Aliso Creek that runs through the golf course at The Ranch at Laguna Beach, parallel to Aliso Creek Road. It is approximately 0.5 mile south of Aliso Beach in the City of Laguna Beach, County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33° 30' 44.63" N, Longitude 117° 44' 44.52" W; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 056-240-04, 056-240-47, 056-240-49 and 056-240-50.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-ORA-61959-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The Ranch as represented by Kurt Bjorkman.

The Project is limited to impacts associated with the ongoing maintenance of the nine-hole golf course at The Ranch at Laguna Beach situated along Aliso Creek. Maintenance activities include manual removal of dead branches, debris, trash, litter, and downed wood; maintenance trimming of native woody riparian species and sapling removals to maintain line of sight between golf holes crossing the creek; ongoing invasives removal and monitoring of onsite restoration areas; and ongoing removal of nonnatives and invasive vegetation along the Aliso Creek within the property boundaries.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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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 consists of routine maintenance activities including trash removal and minor trimming of vegetation, primarily targeting invasive plant species. These activities involve minor alterations to land and vegetation and do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land).

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