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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: LACFCD's Concrete-Lined Channel Maintenance Program (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2004-0433-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located within 298 concrete-lined flood control channels located in multiple watersheds within Los Angeles County. The channels are tributaries to the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Santa Monica Bay, Dominguez Channel, and Santa Clara River. The concrete-lined channels are engineered, reinforced concrete flood control structures consisting of either rectangular sections with vertical walls and concrete bottoms, or trapezoidal sections with sloped walls and concrete bottoms.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2004-0433-R5 Amendment – A5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). LACFCD proposes to continue activities and protocols related to channel maintenance. This does not involve any new activity or construction project, but rather reflects longstanding and ongoing maintenance activities required to protect downstream residences, businesses, and infrastructure from potential damage caused by floodwaters and debris. These activities include the use of backhoes, loaders, dump trucks, and other mechanical equipment to remove sediment, debris, trash, algae, and vegetation from the channel invert. Additional routine maintenance activities include conducting repairs and restorations to damaged invert access ramps and access roads, damaged low-flow diverters, curbs, channel inverts, spalling concrete, cracks, and joints; clearing of debris and sediment from inverts, sub drains, outlets, and lines; repairing or replacing vault lids and flap gates; repairing, restoring, and/or replacing channel wall fences, access roads, invert access ramps, gates, and ladder rungs; and clearing weep holes. The amendment involved the

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addition of one concrete-lined channel reaches to the list of maintained reaches and updating information on reaches already included in the Agreement.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On August 20, 2024, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to 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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