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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Bi-State Sagebrush Enhancement Project (Request No. 1652-2026-091-001-R6)

Project Location (Mono): The Project is located on the Hunewill Family property in the Bodie Hills, near the community of Bridgeport, Mono County. The Project is located approximately a half mile west of the California-Nevada border at approximately 38.298219, -119.020068. The Project site is bounded by Beauty Peak to the southeast and Masonic Peak to the northwest.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Bi-State Sagebrush Enhancement Project submitted by Richard Kyle Faig, a representative of US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The project will implement low-tech, process-based restoration actions, including constructing beaver dam analogs, post-assisted log structures, and Zuni bowl/Zeedyk structures; remove encroaching pinyon-juniper woodlands; reconstruct an old diversion structure and associated irrigation ditch to irrigate a disconnected floodplain meadow; and convert existing fencing to wildlife-friendly designs. The project is expected to have approximately 4.09 acres of disturbance.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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