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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: State Route 76 Culvert Rehabilitation and Asset Mgmt (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SDO-64308-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The Project is located between post miles 19.50 and 51.99 on State Route 76 in San Diego County, from 0.2 mile east of Interstate 15 near Pala Mesa to 0.1 mile west of State Route 79 near Lake Henshaw. The project is located in the unincorporated communities of Pala Mesa, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rincon, and La Jolla Amago in San Diego County, State of California; From Latitude 33.343610, Longitude -117.131542 to Latitude 33.201735, Longitude -116.715331.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SDO-64308-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to California Department of Transportation, District 11 (Permittee) as represented by Miyoko Nakajima.

The Project involves the removal and replacement of existing culverts, headwall replacements, invert paving, and repairs, access, staging, and foot traffic, at 2 stream locations. Project-related activities will result in no more than 0.21 acre of temporary impacts to stream channels.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status: On August 21, 2023, the California Department of Transportation, 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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