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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Foster Park Fish Passage Phase 2 (Request No. 1652-2026-095-001-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The Project is located within the Ventura River at Foster Park on 59 Casitas Vista Road within the City of Ventura, Ventura County (See Figure 1). The Project is located at approximately 34.354762, -119.309671. The Project site is bound by Highway 33 to the west and Casitas Vista Road to the east.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Foster Park Fish Passage Phase 2 submitted by City of San Buenaventura (City of Ventura). The primary purpose of the Project is barrier removal of a 36-inch discharge pipeline from the Ventura River in order to improve conditions for passage of native fish species. The Project will mediate the limiting factors of immigration and emigration of fish species along the Ventura River. The species likely to benefit from this Project include southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

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☒ 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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