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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: 2026 Geotechnical Investigations for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-STA-63696-R4)

Project Location (Stanislaus): The Project is located at eight locations within Del Puerto Creek and unnamed tributaries to Del Puerto Creek, west of the City of Patterson and Interstate 5; Township 5 South, Range 7 East, Sections 28, 29, and 32 of the Patterson Westley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-STA-63696-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Del Puerto Water District.

The Project involves the construction of temporary low water stream crossings at six locations within Del Puerto Creek (stream) and tributaries to Del Puerto Creek. Temporary water diversions may be installed if water is present.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status: On September 30, 2025, the Del Puerto Water District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15304 and 15306. 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

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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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For: Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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