North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation CEQA Submit

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Scott River Watershed Restoration Program (WDID No. 1A26100WNSI)

Project Location: Siskiyou County **Coordinates:** 41.463937, -122.896424

Project Description: On August 13, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) issued a Statewide Restoration General Order Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the Scott River Watershed Council for the Scott River Watershed Restoration Program. The Program proposes to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend and restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife. The Program is designed to benefit Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon, Chinook salmon, steelhead, Klamath River lamprey, and Pacific lamprey. The Program includes phased restoration of aquatic and upland habitats within the Scott River Watershed. This notice is to advise that the Regional Water Board issued the above-described NOA on the date signed below.

Public Agency Approving Project: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Scott River Watershed Council

Exempt Status: The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, acting as the Lead Agency, has determined that the Project is statutorily exempt pursuant to Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.56, subd. (e).

Exemption Justification: On May 8, 2026, the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife concurred with the with the lead agency determination by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board that the project meets all the qualifying criteria in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive.

Signature: JAKE SHANNON **Date:** August 13, 2026

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