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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Arroyo Conejo Utility and Road Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-VEN-60353-R5)

Project Location (Ventura County): The Arroyo Conejo Utility and Road Maintenance Project (Project) is located along Arroyo Conejo Creek and the North Fork Arroyo Conejo in the City of Thousand Oaks in Ventura County, California. A portion of the Project (Unit W) is located within the Wildwood Park Open Space and can be located using the following information: Latitude: 34.201237, Longitude: -118.912922. Another portion of the Project (Unit Y) can be located using the following information: Latitude: 34.214970, Longitude: -118.905494.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-VEN-60353-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Thousand Oaks as represented by Patrick McCulloch.

The Project is limited to regular maintenance activities and inspection activities along the wastewater interceptor Unit W and Y. These activities will mainly consist of vegetation trimming, access road maintenance, culvert/crossing maintenance, and the implementation of four temporary crossings but several unique maintenance activities will occur at specific facilities. There are a total of 20 utility facilities across seven distinct access road segments. Within the facility are access roads, pedestrian access paths, and utility facilities (pipeline cleanout access points, valves, and manholes).

The Streambed Alteration Agreement was amended to include differing temporary water crossing methods. These methods involve the use of steel plates on top of I-beams across the entirety of the stream as a preferred method.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On March 2, 2026, the City of Thousand Oaks, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code 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.

CDFW Contact Person: Angela Castanon (Environmental Scientist), (626)513-6308, and Angela.Castanon@wildlife.ca.gov

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