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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: De La Vina Street Bridge Replacement Project (Project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-30063-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The Project is located on Mission Creek, on the 2700 block of De La Vina Street between Vernon Road and Alamar Avenue in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.436429, Longitude -119.726075.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-30063-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Santa Barbara as represented by Brian D'Amour.

The Project is limited to the replacement of the De La Vina Street Bridge over Mission Creek. Project activities include demolition of existing bridge and buildings; utility relocation; creek diversion and dewatering; construction of diversion dams; installation of the new bridge, associated abutments, concrete wingwalls, rock slope protection, and downstream soldier pile walls; use of temporary work areas within the creek; and creek bank revegetation of native riparian species. The Project has been amended to include changes to the Permittee, Project description to include a temporary platform, alterations of the creek work window for Stage 1 in 2026, and an increase in the Project impact acreage.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: On March 6, 2021, the City of Santa Barbara, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction. 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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