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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Bramhall Pond Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-58292-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at the western side of the Shell Ridge Open Space area, within the City of Walnut Creek, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.89528, Longitude -122.02824; U.S. Geological Survey map 7.5-minute quadrangle and within the Walnut Creek Watershed; Assessor's Parcel Number 180-350-007-0.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-58292-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Walnut Creek.

The project is limited to restoring Bramhall Pond and its immediate surroundings by deepening the pond through desilting between three to five feet to hold water perennially or near perennially, slightly deepening the exterior, converting a nearby non-native grassland terrace into a mesic meadow, and constructing an earthen berm between the pond and the restored meadow.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status: On December 11, 2025, the City of Walnut Creek, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section(s) 15301, 15302, 15304, and 15333. 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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