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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Los Vaqueros Dam Toe Drain Rehabilitation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-60160-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at Kellogg Creek, a tributary to Old River, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.83842, Longitude - 121.72597. The project occurs in the channel at the toe of the Los Vaqueros Dam, east of Walnut Boulevard in the Los Vaqueros Watershed.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-60160-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Contra Costa Water District.

The project is limited to rehabilitating and realigning the dam's existing toe drain outfall, redirecting it into a new underground pump package system/vault to discharge seepage water and surface drainage into the lower Kellogg Creek.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On June 04, 2025, the Contra Costa Water District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301 (b). 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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