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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: El Dorado
308 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

From: (Public Agency): CA Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(Address)

Project Title: 745 Whitney Drive Culvert Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Mohammad Qureshi

Project Location - Specific:

Lat: 38.925854 Long: -120.006907; 745 Whitney Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Project Location - City: South Lake Tahoe Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to repair a failed storm-drain culvert serving the Whitney Drive drainage system near 745 Whitney Drive, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California. The existing 18-inch corrugated metal pipe failed at its connection point to a drain inlet on Whitney Avenue, which has resulted in the loss of supporting soil and the development of two voids/sinkholes beneath the roadway and along the property line of 745 and 749 Whitney Drive. The Project will involve temporary isolation of the culvert outlet with a coffer dam, dewatering of nuisance water, excavation and removal of the failed pipe and associated debris, replacement of approximately 100 linear feet of 18-inch CMP with 18-inch High Density Polyethylene pipe, connection of the new pipe to the existing drain inlet, repair of the former inlet connection, removal and replacement of a rock riprap apron at the point of discharge to Lake Tahoe, and restoration of temporarily disturbed areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of South Lake Tahoe

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☒ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is necessary due to a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, property, or essential public services. Emergency repair of the failed culvert before the onset of winter precipitation will prevent stormwater runoff from exacerbating existing soil subsidence, which could undermine the roadway and adjacent public and private improvements, create damage to public and private property, and create a potential public-safety hazard. Per California Code Regulations, Title 14, § 15269, the Project consists of an emergency repair to public service facilities necessary to maintain service and a specific set of actions necessary to prevent an emergency.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Adam Henriques Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 542-5571

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ▪ Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: 10/13/2026 Title: Executive Officer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____