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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Retaining Wall on Van Ness (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-64661-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at 1976 Van Ness Street, San Pablo, County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.95908, Longitude -122.34356; Assessor's Parcel Number 411-160-023-7.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-64661-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Golden Choice Homes.

The project is limited to the reinforcement of an existing retaining wall located adjacent to Wildcat Creek above the top of bank. The existing retaining wall has experienced structural deterioration requiring reinforcement to protect the adjacent property from erosion and slope failure. All project activities, including equipment staging and operation, will be conducted entirely from existing paved surfaces. No equipment or personnel will enter, work from, or traverse the stream channel, stream bed and/or stream banks at any time during project implementation, and no vegetation will be impacted or trees removed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption. [State code number]

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: On 6/9/2026 , the California Department of Fish and Wildlife determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15304. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption because it consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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 both the Lead Agency and Responsible Agency, determined that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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