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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Laguna Retention Basin Long-Term Routine Maintenance Program (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-63355-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located within Laguna Retention Basin on Laguna Channel, a tributary of the Los Angeles River. Laguna Retention Basin is located at latitude 34.046389, longitude - 118.167778.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-LAN-63355-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

This project is limited to the routine maintenance of Laguna Retention Basin. Laguna Retention Basin is a stormwater runoff regulation facility operated by the Permittee on Laguna Channel for the purposes of managing stormwater and debris flows. Routine maintenance activities include annual vegetation mowing, brush clearance, sediment removal, access road repair, and minor in-kind structural repair.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On November 3, 2025, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301. 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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