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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Monterey

From: (Public Agency): SWRCB
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
(Address)

Project Title: Petition to Change Water Right License 1115 (Application 6078)

Project Applicant: US Forest Service Los Padres National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

Boronda Spring near CA-1 Big Sur, from California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 4

Project Location - City: Big Sur Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Forest Service has submitted a petition to change Water Right License 1115 (Application 6078) to add Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement (dedicate instream flow) downstream of the licensed Point of Diversion in Monterey County. Irrigation and Domestic uses are removed from License 1115.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: US Forest Service Los Padres National Forest

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: Sec 15308, Protection of the Environment
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project dedicates water to instream flow for fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement. No construction or building; and no grading or excavation will occur for this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Arvin Chi Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-6969

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: Jason Heading Date: 10/28/2026 Title: Senior WRCE

▪ 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: _____