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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: San Diego

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

Project Title: Petition to Change Water Right License 8180 (Application 20363)

Project Applicant: US Cleveland National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

Tragedy Spring within the NE1/4 of NE1/4, Sec 7, T15S, R5E, SBB&M, Zone 6.

Project Location - City: Cuyamaca Peak Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Forest Service has submitted a petition to change water right License 8180 (Application 20363) to dedicate water to instream use to enhance flow downstream of Tragedy Spring for the benefit of fish and wildlife.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: US Cleveland 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 all licensed water for fish and wildlife enhancement and preservation. No construction or building; and no grading or excavation will occur for this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Meza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5427

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 Headington 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: _____