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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Salson Trail and Culvert Project - 2025 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-56247-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to East Laurel Creek, in the County of San Mateo, State of California; Latitude 37.51928, Longitude -122.31737; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 043-041-110.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-56247-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Belmont – Public Works, as represented by Bozhena Palatnik.

The amendment to the project includes the following changes to the project design:

- Reconfiguring riprap upstream of the culvert crossing under Salson Trail;
- Reducing the extent of riprap and filter fabric downstream of the culvert;
- Planting willow in the interstitial spaces within the riprap upstream and downstream of the culvert;
- Rearranging riprap below the culvert outfall to provide positive drainage and eliminate ponding; and
- Updating the project's Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan to account for updated impact areas and inclusion of willow cuttings in riprap matrices up- and downstream of the culvert.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status: On May 5, 2025, the City of Belmont Department of Public Works, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is statutorily exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15269, Emergency Projects. 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.

CDFW Contact Person: Shannon Husband, Environmental Scientist, 707-337-1364, Shannon.Husband@wildlife.ca.gov

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