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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: San Francisquito Creek Bridge Bank Stabilization Project - 2023 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-41275-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The project is located at San Francisquito Creek, in the County of San Mateo, in the City of Menlo Park and City of Palo Alto, State of California; Latitude 37.447286, Longitude -122.170445; APN 062-390-999.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-41275-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Caltrain, as represented by Hilda Lafebre.

The project is limited to repairing the northern bank of San Francisquito Creek beneath the Caltrain bridge at the border of Menlo Park and Palo Alto, and the project amendment includes removal of a 38-inch diameter at breast height red gum eucalyptus tree, and updates to the project's native seed mix for revegetation mitigation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status: On June 8, 2023, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(3) and categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations title 14, section 15269(a). 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, 707-337-1364, Shannon.Husband@wildlife.ca.gov.

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