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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: 2026 High Priority Flood Risk Reduction Projects – 2026 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SMO-67843-R3)

Project Location (San Mateo County): The project is located at the 16th Avenue Channel and 19th Avenue Channel, at unnamed tributaries to Seal Slough, which drains to the San Francisco Bay, in the City of San Mateo, County of San Mateo, State of California. The 16th Avenue Channel site is located at Latitude 37.556667, Longitude -122.309635, on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 035-072-999. The 19th Avenue Channel site is located at Latitude 37.550556, Longitude -122.308067, on APN 035-320-999.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SMO-67843-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of San Mateo as represented by Gustavo Lopez.

The project is limited to performing vegetation removal to the rooting depth within partially earthen and concrete-lined stream channels along 16th Avenue and 19th Avenue to restore conveyance capacity and reduce localized flooding during high-flow events.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status: On April 28, 2026, the City of San Mateo, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities). 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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