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To:
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: City of Vacaville Routine Maintenance (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SOL-60157-R3).

Project Location (Solano): The Project is located at Alamo Creek, Ulatis Creek, Union Creek, Horse Creek, Gibson Canyon Creek, Unnamed Tributaries, and other various streams located in the City of Vacaville, County of Solano, State of California; with an approximate centroid of Latitude 38.360987°, Longitude -121.967321°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SOL-60157-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Vacaville as represented by Brian Oxley.

The Project is limited to routine maintenance activities defined as periodic, recurring activities necessary to maintain the water transport capacity of stream channels and structural and functional integrity of existing flood control and sediment detention structures on or affecting streams.

Maintenance activities considered to be "routine" include:

- Vegetation management including thinning, trimming, and removal, and herbicide use
- Debris and sediment removal from existing structures (culverts, storm drain outfalls, etc.)
- Structure (tide gates, culverts, bridges, weirs, diversion structures, trash racks, stream gages, etc.) and road maintenance and repair

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- Bank stabilization and erosion control using bioengineered techniques
- Beaver dam management

The Project will result in temporary impacts to stream and associated riparian habitat from vegetation management activities and debris removal. The Project will not result in any new permanent impacts to stream and associated riparian habitat. Routine maintenance does not include: 1) any activities other than the activities described above, and 2) the removal or damage of riparian vegetation except as described in the Agreement.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On August 5, 2026, the City of Vacaville, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. 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: Jordan Beaton, Environmental Scientist, (707) 980-5172, Jordan.Beaton@wildlife.ca.gov

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Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

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