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Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Wohler Road Winter Storm Damage Repair (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-65651-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Mark West Creek, along the shoulder of Wohler Road in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.493880°, Longitude -122.881660°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-65651-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma County Public Infrastructure.

The project is limited to the repair of a portion of Wohler Road and stabilization of the adjacent stream bank. Approximately 500 linear feet of metal sheet pile wall with a concrete pile cap will be constructed to stabilize the roadway. Sheet piles will be driven from the paved roadway using an equipment mounted vibratory hammer or impact hammer if necessary. Approximately 2,400 square feet of rock riprap will be placed below the wall to harden the bank and prevent scouring. Construction will require excavation of native soil to establish subgrade benching where the riprap will be placed. All riprap will be interplanted with willow (*Salix* sp.) stakes. The project will result in approximately 3,400 square feet of temporary impacts to riparian habitat from staging and equipment access. The project will also result in approximately 3,400 square feet of permanent impacts to riparian habitat from the riprap and sheet pile wall. One riparian tree will be removed as part of this project.

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Access and staging will occur along the existing paved road. All work will occur outside of flowing water.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On February 17, 2026, Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is statutorily and categorically exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 15269 and 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.

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