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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Wildwood Debris Jam Removal (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-68055-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The Project is located at Santa Rosa Creek, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.467150°, Longitude -122.621780°; immediately upstream of where Wildwood Trail crosses Santa Rosa Creek, Santa Rosa, CA; Assessor's Parcel Number 030-141-032.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-68055-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ted Stashak.

The Project is limited to the removal of a large log and debris jam on Santa Rosa Creek formed of post-fire debris. Logs and debris will be removed using an excavator and hauled off-site. To gain access to the site, the removal of four riparian trees will be required. Access and staging for heavy equipment will occur from Wildwood Trail, a paved road, then along an overgrown fire road adjacent to the channel. The project will not result in any permanent impacts to riparian habitat. The project will result in approximately 0.09 acres of temporary impact to riparian habitat from access and debris landing, and approximately 0.08 acres of temporary impact to stream channel habitat from removal of the debris jam. Summer base flows in Santa Rosa Creek are primarily confined to the mainstem low-flow channel. Project activities will occur within a side channel where some water may be present beneath the debris accumulation. Equipment will remain outside flowing water and will conduct debris

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removal from the bank or other dry and stable work surfaces. Equipment may reach over wetted portions of the channel to remove dry debris. No work will occur in flowing water.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On July 14, 2026, the Sonoma Resource Conservation District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304 and 15333. 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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