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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Rodeo Gulch Sewer and Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-37179-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): Project 1 (Bridge Repair), is located at an ephemeral tributary to Rodeo Creek, in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, between the Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola, State of California. The Project 1 alignment is 150 feet and is located approximately 300 feet north of Valerie Court, parallel to Rodeo Creek. Latitude 36.97719, Longitude -121.97463; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 029-121-01 and 029-121-02. Project 2 (CIPP Lining) is located at Rodeo Creek, in unincorporated Santa Cruz County, between the Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola, State of California. The Project 2 alignment is 0.9 miles long and extends from Soquel Drive to Valerie Court, parallel to Rodeo Creek; Starting Latitude 36.98793, Longitude -121.97055; Ending Latitude 36.97628, Longitude -121.97512.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-37179-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to County of Santa Cruz, as represented by Mark Sanguinetti.

The Project has been amended to include temporary access, installation of erosion and sediment control measures, excavation for the retaining wall foundation, wall construction, backfilling, site stabilization, and restoration of temporarily disturbed areas. To facilitate bridge repairs and retaining wall construction, grading will occur within an approximately 2,830-square-foot area in the vicinity of the existing sewer bridge, manholes EH91 and EH54, and the existing 20-foot easement. Grading will be performed to establish the proposed site configuration and provide the necessary area for construction of the retaining wall and associated sewer infrastructure. Temporary disturbance will be limited to the area necessary

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to complete construction activities. Approximately 380 cubic yards of excavation will be required to construct a new retaining wall along the eastern portion of the graded area.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On July 3, 2024, the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, 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.

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