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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Riverside Park Embankment Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-61200-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project will occur along the banks of the Kern River at Kern County's Riverside Park near the intersection of Burlano Road and Kern River Drive, located in the unincorporated community of Kernville, Kern County, California; Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Section 15, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Kernville MDBM; Assessor's Parcel Number 082-211-07-00-7; GPS coordinates 35.75384, -118.42361.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-KER-61200-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kern County.

The Project includes activities required to stabilize and repair approximately 1,000 linear feet of the left (west) bank of the Kern River that was previously damaged when riprap eroded during high flow storm events in 2023. Riprap will be installed on the bank of the Kern River adjacent to Riverside Park.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On February 2, 2025, Kern County, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302(c). 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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