CEQA Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Luis Obispo
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

From: Upper Salinas-Las Tablas
Resource Conservation District
5905 Capistrano Ave., Suite F
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The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Project Title: Phase 1 Estrella River PBR Project

Project Applicant: Jen Paludi
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San Luis Obispo Beaver Brigade
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Project Location: 4755 River Grove Dr, Paso Robles, CA 94366. Project is located along the Estrella River. Center coordinates: 35°39'03.97"N, 120°28'28.13"W

Project Description: The Phase 1 Estrella River Project involves installing process-based restoration Structures to improve habitat along the river. Specifically Post-Assisted Log Structure (PALS) complexes and one Beaver Dam Analogue (BDA) to emulate natural occurring biological strongholds to split incoming flows, force divergent flow paths, and encourage sediment deposition to accelerate vegetated island formation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: US-LT RCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jen Paludi, San Luis Obispo Beaver Brigade

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Type- Class 33; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15333
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: This is a small-scale habitat restoration project that will provide significant ecological resiliency and habitat improvements along the Estrella River. All activities will remain strictly below statutory limits of 500.00 linear feet and 5.00 acres of total cumulative stream impact over the 5-year permit term. The project will remain aligned with the Class 33 exemption specifications.

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