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Project Title: East Cat Canyon Remediation (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0180-R5)

Project Location (include county): The Project site is located within Cat Canyon Creek and eight additional unnamed streams at the East Cat Canyon Oil Field (6516 East Cat Canyon Road) near the City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, State of California. The site is bounded by East Cat Canyon Road to the south and west, Palmer Road to the west, Foxen Canyon Road to the north, and Long Canyon Road to the east, and is within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Sisquoc 7.5-minute quadrangle within Township 9 North, Range 32 West, Sections 19,20,29, 30, 31, and 32.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0180-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to Shell Western Exploration and Production, Inc. (SWEPI).

The project consist of: 1) removal of high viscosity surface flow remains (oil remains) that have migrated off East Cat Canyon Oil Field property (Property); and, 2) management of oil remains that are located on the Property site. Oil remains from off-Property areas will be excavated, exported to an approved disposal site and then the sites will be graded and filled with clean fill material and compacted to match natural creek contours. Oil remains located on the Property site will be managed in place by increasing native vegetation cover. All disturbed areas will be restored through installation of erosion control matting, planting of native plants, and broadcasting of native seed mix. A monitoring program of the restoration areas will be implemented and will include remedial and restoration maintenance activities if needed. Buffer areas will be delineated and monitored at locations on the Property to identify future material flows before leaving the Property. Existing oil field roads and well pads within the Property will be used for staging and stockpiling to the greatest extent possible. Equipment used to complete this project includes an excavator, front-end loader, tracked skid-steer, off-road dump truck, over-road dump trucks, sheepsfoot compactor, water truck, and pick-up trucks.

Public Agency Approving Project: CDFW Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: SWEPI **Exempt Status:** ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 30; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15330 Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of minor clean-up actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, and/or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance costing less than \$1 million. CDFW Contact Person Sarah Rains, Environmental Scientist, sarah.rains@wildlife.ca.gov (805) 498-2385 Erinn Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

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