Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: ESTABLISHMENT OF UNARMORED THREESPINE STICKLEBACK AND SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN YELLOW-LEGGED FROG AT BLUFF LAKE, CALIFORNIA. RESTORATION MANAGEMENT PERMIT NO. 2081(a)-2022-0001-R6.

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at the Bluff Lake Reserve, a 60-acre site located in the San Bernardino Mountains, south of Big Bear Lake near Mill Creek Road. The Project is located in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34°13'13.93"N and Longitude 116°58'8.25"W; Assessor's Parcel Number 0306-191-05-0000.

Project Description: The Project is designed to facilitate the release of unarmed threespine stickleback and southern mountain yellow-legged frog (Covered Species into Bluff Lake and provide for Covered Species management and monitoring. CDFW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be primarily responsible for efforts to reestablish Covered Species on the site. Permittee will assist whenever possible and to the extent resources are available in carrying out Covered Species management activities in Bluff Lake including maintenance or improvement of habitat conditions throughout the duration of the Restoration Management Permit (RMP).

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. Class 7; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15307 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources

Reasons why project is exempt: See attached

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