Notice of Exemption

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Department of Fish and Wildlife South Coast Region 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123



Project Title: Long Term Annual Maintenance of Debris Basins in Los Angeles County (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2008-0290-R5)

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Project Location (include county): The project is located within 174 debris basins located in multiple watersheds within the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The debris basins are tributary to the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Santa Monica Bay, Dominguez Channel, and Santa Clara River watersheds.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2008-0290-R5 Amendment – A6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). LACFCD proposes to continue project activities related to the routine maintenance of debris basin facilities. These activities include debris removal, tree trimming, vegetation mowing, brush clearance, entrainment channel maintenance, sediment removal, and access road maintenance. The present Amendment is limited to a one-time sediment removal maintenance event at Santa Anita Debris Basin starting in February 2022 and ending August 15, 2022. This maintenance event is intended to comply with Division of Safety of Dam safety requirements.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

☐ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301;

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1, Section 15301: This project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the Lead Agency's determination.

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