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Notice of Exemption

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Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Coyote Creek Brush Removal Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0219-R2).

Project Location: The project is located in Coyote Creek and adjacent unnamed tributaries within the Hidden Valley Lake residential subdivision; in the County of Lake, State of California; Sections 26 & 33, Township 11N, Range 7W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Whispering Pines & Middletown, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian.

Project Description: The project is limited to the removal of berry bushes and small shrubs within the creek channel and drainage tributaries to ensure proper conveyance of storm water through the Hidden Valley Lake residential subdivision. The creek has become overgrown with brush, causing localized flooding and excess sediment build up at existing culverts. Project activities are restricted to the channel and bank only. No heavy equipment will be used. Follow-up herbicide application on berry bushes along the bank may be implemented to control the excess vegetation. All activities will occur in dry conditions.

Public Agency Approving Project: **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Hidden Valley Lake Association

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption; Class 1and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 Maintenance of an Existing Structure and 15304 Minor Alterations to Land.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves removal of overgrown vegetation from an existing water conveyance/storm water drainage system and will not affect any special status fish or wildlife or their habitat.

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