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Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Native Plant Program
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Project Title: Reinhardt Redwood Serpentine Prairie Restoration for Presidio Clarkia (*Clarkia franciscana*) Recovery (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located adjacent to the Richard C. Trudeau Center located at 11500 Skyline Boulevard in Oakland, Alameda County, in a serpentine prairie owned by the East Bay Regional Parks District.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to East Bay Regional Park District [Permit No. 2081(a)-21-009-RP] pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for a project to promote recovery of Presidio clarkia and other serpentine prairie vegetation at the Project Location. The Project is a continuation of a 10-year restoration project (CDFW Permit No. 2081(a)-09-01-RP) that has increased the area occupied by Presidio clarkia, decreased invasive plant cover, and improved understanding of the effects of management treatments on the native and non-native plant species. This Project builds on the success of the previous restoration project and will continue management activities that include mowing, grazing, seed dispersal, invasive plant control and monitoring for adaptive management.

California Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kristina Kelchner, Assistant General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial;
- ☐ Declared Emergency;
- ☐ Emergency Project;
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Sections 15306 and 15307, Classes 6 and 7

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities to assure the maintenance, restoration, and enhancement of the endangered Presidio clarkia. The permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing populations of Presidio clarkia are not impacted.

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Isabel Baer, Native Plant Program Manager

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