



**ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Beard Ranch Riparian Restoration Project
(Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SLO-31942-R4)**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-SLO-31942-R4 (LSAA) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for The Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District's Bianchi Lake Restoration Project (Project). The Project is located within and adjacent to an unnamed pond, described herein as Bianchi Lake; within the city of Cambria, County of San Luis Obispo; Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 9 East, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Cambria; Latitude 35°38'15.648"N Longitude -121°2'14.28" W; Assessor's Parcel Number 014-051-003. The Project involves activities related to the restoration of native vegetation along 32 acres of Caliente Creek. The Project involves activities related to the hydrological preservation of perennial Bianchi Lake, including the removal of accumulated sediment from the northeast corner of the pond, the installation of two drop pipe structures within upland headcuts, the installation of three rock-lined sections to arrest sediment loading, and the installation of a sediment trap at the base of the headcut system.

CDFW approved the LSAA relying on the California Environmental Quality Act CEQA categorical exemption for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (CEQA Guidelines § 15333). The Project falls within Section 15333 because the Project meets all of the following conditions: (a) the Project is not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife, (b) there would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat, pursuant to section 15065, (c) there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and (d) the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (Lead Agency) approved of the project and filed a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) on September 13, 2022.