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## CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

### **Applicant Name and Address:**

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**CEQA Lead Agency:** Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Project Title:** Removal Action Work Plan (Former Berk Oil and Pacific Metal Craft site)

**CEQA Document Type:** Mitigated Negative Declaration

**State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number:** N/A

**Project Location:** Address - 5614, 5622, and 5636 Shull Street, Bell Gardens, California 9020. Located in Los Angeles County.

Latitude: 33.9548483805057, Longitude: -118.169693129397

Located in a mixed commercial/industrial and residential area of the City of Bell Gardens, bordered on the north by Shull Street, on the west by an undeveloped pathway and the Interstate 710 freeway (and directly adjacent to the Los Angeles River), on the south by a Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, and on the east by a mixed commercial/residential area.

**Brief Project Description:** The Removal Action Work Plan (Project) proposes the excavation of soil impacted with Benzo(a)Pyrene and Lead at the former Berk Oil and Pacific Metal Craft Site properties located at 5614, 5622, and 5636 Shull Street in Bell Gardens, California. The estimated volume of impacted soil for removal is 5,000 cubic yards. The excavated soil will be transported and appropriately disposed of off-Site. To ensure safety and compliance, appropriate mitigations measures will be implemented throughout excavation activities, and confirmation soil samples will be taken for contingency measures.

Historically, the western portion of the Site conducted asphalt mixing and oil distribution operations from approximately 1965 through 1989; the eastern portion of the Site had industrial operations involving manufacturing, welding, production of stainless steel tubing, use of furnaces, degreasers, steam cleaning sump, and fabrication of plastic and metal components from approximately 1955 through the early 1990's. The project Site has since been cleared of all structures and remained undeveloped/vacant for approximately 30 years. The City of Bell Gardens Zoning Map dated April 5, 2023, indicates that the project site is currently zoned as High Density Residential (R-3) with an Electronic Billboard Overlay District located in the northwestern corner

**Determination:** Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any

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way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at the time of filing the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (i.e., State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (c)(3).

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/20/2024

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*Jennifer Turner*  
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Signature

Jennifer Turner, Senior Environmental Scientist  
(Supervisory)

Name, Title

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