NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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County of Tehama
633 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

FROM: County of Tehama
Tehama County Public Works
9380 San Benito Avenue
Gerber, CA 96035

Project Title: Emergency Bridge Protection and Stream Realignment Project

Project Location – Specific: Simpson Rd at Thomes Creek Bridge 39.956648, -122.330196

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Corning **Project Location – County:** Tehama

Description of Project: Tehama County Public Works proposes to realign the Thomes Cr low flow channel in an effort to protect the Simpson Rd Bridge abutment from scour and potential failure during the upcoming Super El Nino weather event. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of gravel will be removed from the channel while the creek is dry using earth moving scrapers. A new low flow channel will be created within the middle of the creek bottom, reducing the hydraulic pressure on the northern bridge abutment. The gravel removal is being conducted pursuant to the County's Nicol Pit gravel extraction permit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tehama County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tehama County Public Works

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BY Adriana Tepeda

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- X Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- X Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: This is an emergency project that will prevent or significantly mitigate potential damage to critical infrastructure during the Super El Nino. The Governor has declared a State of Emergency in California to help facilitate such projects. Minor vegetation will be removed and the project will be conducted when the creek is dry. No listed sensitive species or cultural resources will be impacted by the project. There is no reasonable possibility that this project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dan Newton Telephone: 530-385-1462 ext 3005

If Filed by Applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ **Date:** 10/27/2026

Title: Public Works Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____