Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Amador
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

From: City of Sutter Creek
18 Main Street
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Project Title: Sutter Creek Channel Maintenance

Project Location – Specific: Sutter Creek and various culverts within the City limits

Project Location – City: Sutter Creek **Project Location – County:** Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Obtain a permit from CDFW (Routine maintenance permit for 5 years - standard timeframe) to maintain the creek flows throughout town. Work is being authorized around Sutter Creek from the flushing damn to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) for approximately 6,500 feet, in the creek along gopher flat road for approximately 2,000 feet and on the culvert on the East side of Old Rt 49 for approximately 800 feet. Work includes removing brush from the creek banks and chopping up fallen trees that are impeding creek flow. All work would either be performed on the bank of the creek or in the creek channel only when water is not present. Work would also include removal of small saplings that are beginning to grow in the creek channel (again only without water present).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Sutter Creek

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dan Lafontaine, Public Works Director

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1);15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3);15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 allows operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Sutter Creek Channel Maintenance project is consistent with example 15301.h as it proposes maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs without the use of pesticides. Therefore, the project qualifies for this exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Daniel Lafontaine Phone: (209) 215-4895

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: _____ Title: Public Works Director City of Sutter Creek

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:

☐ Signed by Applicant POSTED:_____