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**California Environmental Quality Act Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects –
Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables, Reach 6 Restoration Project (Request No.
21080.56-2025-086-R2)**

Dear Scott Carroll:

I am pleased to inform you as the Acting Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) that I concur with the lead agency determination by the California Tahoe Conservancy that the Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables, Reach 6 Restoration Project qualifies as a statutorily exempt restoration project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.56, subd. (e).) My concurrence as the Acting CDFW Director is based on CDFW's independent review of the California Tahoe Conservancy's request for concurrence, which CDFW received on December 17, 2025. In my opinion, informed by the best available science and described in the separate CDFW concurrence, the Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables, Reach 6 Restoration Project meets all the qualifying criteria in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive.

This concurrence signifies the continued commitment by CDFW and its partners in advancing the "Cutting the Green Tape" initiative, which is a collaborative effort to increase the pace and scale of restoration projects in California in a way that protects the environment and results in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery. CDFW stands ready to continue this effort in coordination with the California Tahoe Conservancy.

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CDFW's concurrence will be posted on our website as provided by Public Resources Code section 21080.56. If you have any related questions, please contact Brad Henderson, Cutting the Green Tape Program Manager, at (530) 351-5948, or by email at Brad.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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