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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Battle Creek Island Ranch Gravel Diversion Dam (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SHA-59960-R1I)

Project Location (Shasta): The project is located at Battle Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River, in the County of Shasta, State of California; Latitude 40.39769, and Longitude -122.15342. The site is located within the Battle Creek Wildlife Area.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SHA-59960-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Battle Creek Island Ranch LLC, as represented by Bartley Fleharty.

The project is limited to the annual construction of a gravel diversion dam in Battle Creek to divert water pursuant to a legal water right. Specific work includes:

- Stockpiling clean, native spawning gravels on the west bank near the diversion dam site.
- Construction of a gravel dam in Battle Creek using native gravels to divert water.
- Construction of a low-flow channel through the gravel dam that does not impede fish movement.
- Diversion of water from Battle Creek to the Gover Diversion Ditch pursuant to a legal pre-1914 water right.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Battle Creek Island Ranch LLC.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304) – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land,

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water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Reasons why the project is exempt: The project proposes the annual construction of a gravel dam in Battle Creek to divert water pursuant to a legal water right. There will be no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as a result of this project. The project will have no significant effect on the environment.

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