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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: De Mello Stream Crossings and Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-53881-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino County): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 5 miles northwest of the town of Hopland, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 17, T13N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Yorkville U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-53881-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ricardo De Mello.

The Project is limited to seven (7) encroachments. Three (3) proposed encroachments are to upgrade existing culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Three (3) encroachments are to decommission water diversion infrastructure. One (1) encroachment is for remediation of a cultivation site within a stream channel.

Several encroachments include a remediation component, and will require an approved, Site-Specific Remediation Plan prior to implementation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Permittee: Ricardo De Mello
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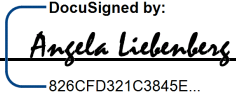
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves replacement of existing stream crossings, decommissioning existing water diversion infrastructure, and remediation of existing impacts. The project involves no expansion of the existing use.

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