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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: CA. Dept. of Water Resources
Calif. Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
2440 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

PROJECT TITLE: Tenmile Creek Gage Reinitiation - CalSIP Upgrade

SCH#: 2025091043

PROJECT SPONSOR: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Kelly Souza

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PROJECT LOCATION: Tenmile Creek ~5.5 miles northwest of Laytonville, Mendocino County; 39.76023, -123.54207

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As part of the California Stream Gage Improvement Program, the California Department of Water Resources has executed a contract with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to reactivate and upgrade an existing stream gage on Tenmile Creek to record high-quality stream gage data and water temperature in real-time and make it available to the public on CDEC. A radar gage will be affixed to an existing bridge structure, while a data logger and associated equipment will be attached to a pipe installed on the bank, and staff gage placed within the stream channel.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: California Departmentment of Water Resources

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brian Humphrey

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. State type and section number(s): 15301. Existing Facilities; 15304. Minor Alterations to Land; 15306. Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed stream gage reactivation/upgrade would be installed to provide real-time data, monitor hydrologic conditions,and provide hydrologic data to the public. Proposed activities qualify for categorical exemptions: 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and 15306 (Information Collection). The proposed stream gage activation will provide critical information in managing three listed salmon populations, while temporary impacts associated with the installation will not result in adverse impacts to sensitive plant or wildlife species, and no mature or scenic trees will be removed. Proposed activities will not result in a significant impact to the environment and none of the exceptions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 11/5/2025

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