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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Smith Minnesota Riverview Storm Drain Culvert Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-59684-R1C])

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Noyo River watershed, within the town of Fort Bragg, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 7, T18N, R17W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Fort Bragg U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 018-310-21-00; latitude 39.432968 N and longitude 123.792366 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-59684-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to John Smith representing the City of Fort Bragg.

The Project is to upgrade an existing 18-inch diameter drain culvert to a 24-inch diameter by 60-foot-long culvert. This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on April 21, 2025. Work will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project replaces an existing storm drain culvert with an appropriately sized culvert and will be installed to current standards. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. The structures have the same use and capacity.

CDFW Contact Person: Jennifer Garrison, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), (707) 477-7792

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