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To:
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Potter Valley Bridge Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-59640-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 9.6 miles northeast of the city of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 5, T16N, R11W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Potter Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 177-010-05; latitude 39.2751 N and longitude 123.0956 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-59640-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mike LaMalfa.

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment, to replace a bridge over the East Canal, a tributary to East Fork Russian River. This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on July 16, 2025. Work for this encroachment will include installation of pile-driven foundation piers, installation of a replacement steel bridge, and the placement of rock on the road approaches.

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 bridge with an appropriate full-span bridge 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.

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