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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Vau Irrigation Line Trenching Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-60897-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino County): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 4.4 miles north of the City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 30, T 16N, R 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Ukiah U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 167-200-10; latitude 39.2119 N and longitude 123.2282 W at the first line trenching site.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-60897-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Charles Vau.

The Project is limited to two encroachments. Both encroachments are for trenching irrigation piping under the stream channel on an unnamed tributary to York Creek. Work for these encroachments will include excavation with a 12-inch-wide excavation bucket, installation of the new 8-inch diameter PVC irrigation piping, manual placement of excavated materials back into the stream, compaction of replaced stream materials, manual placement of river rock for armoring as necessary to minimize erosion, and installation of erosion control measures.

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 – Classes 1, 2 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Vau Irrigation Line Trenching Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves minor alteration of existing irrigation infrastructure in existing locations. The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 2, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 because the project involves replacement of existing irrigation infrastructure and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 4, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 because the project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land and water which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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