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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Adams Stream Crossings and Pond Spillway Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-22662-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino County): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 3.4 miles northeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 20, T 23N, R 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Covelo East U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 032-160-53; latitude 39.8334 N and longitude 123.2099 W at the first stream crossing (SC-1).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-22662-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Michael Adams.

The Project is limited to five encroachments. Four 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 specified in the most recent version of the Notification to minimize erosion. All crossings will have a riprap apron installed below each outlet with crossings SC-3 and SC-5 having a width of 15 feet at the end of the apron.

The final proposed encroachment (SC-2) is to replace a spillway culvert for an on-stream pond. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as specified in the most recent version of the Notification to minimize erosion.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Permittee: Michael Adams

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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. The project involves no expansion of the existing use.

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