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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Cluff Bank Stabilization (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-57991-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at the Russian River, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.46925°, Longitude -123.01440°; 20566 Front Street, Monte Rio, CA, 95462; Assessor's Parcel Number 094-100-021.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-57991-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to Kelder Engineering, Inc.

The project is limited to the biotechnical stabilization and revegetation of an eroding bank along the Russian River. The project will require stabilization of approximately 4,300 square feet (105 linear feet) of the bank of the river using riprap interplanted with willow (*Salix* sp.) stakes. The work will occur using an excavator to place the rock from the top of the slope. The project will result in approximately 4,300 square feet of permanent impact to riparian habitat. A total of two riparian trees will be removed as part of this project. Access and staging will occur via an existing driveway and developed backyard. There will be no temporary impacts to riparian habitat from this project. All work will occur outside of the wetted portion of the channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; or the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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