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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Schauer Pond Outlet Spillway Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-51960-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino County): The Project to be completed is located within the Big River watershed, approximately 9.7 miles west of the City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 35, T 16N, R 14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Bailey Ridge U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 150-270-10; latitude 39.2006 N and longitude 123.3766 W at the pond spillway.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-51960-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Terry Schauer.

The Project is limited to one encroachment. The proposed encroachment is to remove a spillway culvert and outlet chute from an on-stream pond and install a new spillway culvert. The new spillway will have an appropriately sized culvert and downspout that will 1) be in line with the outlet stream channel, 2) will discharge past the toe of the pond embankment, and 3) create 2 feet of freeboard in the on-stream pond. The outlet stream channel and banks will be armored with appropriately sized riprap rock to address ongoing erosion. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. All work will be completed as specified in the most recent version of the Notification submitted on August 15, 2025.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
Permittee: Terry Schauer
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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: Schauer Pond Outlet Spillway 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 an existing pond embankment and spillway. 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 an existing pond spillway 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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