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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Llamas Stream Crossings Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-56504-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino County): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 3.8 miles north of the town of Hopland, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 36, T 14N, R 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Elledge Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 047-310-12; latitude 39.0242 N and longitude 123.1269 W at the 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-56504-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Miguel Llamas.

The Project is limited to one encroachment. The one proposed encroachment is to upgrade an existing culvert. 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 necessary to minimize erosion. Riprap energy dissipator apron will be installed within the stream channel below the culvert outlet using median 9-inch diameter angular rock armoring. The width of the riprap apron will be two (2) times the pipe diameter and the length will be three (3) times the pipe diameter.

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, section 15301, 15302, and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Llamas Stream Crossings 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 stream crossing. 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 and reconstruction of an existing stream crossing culvert and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structures 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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