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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Greenfield Ranch Association Reservoir (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-59179-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino County): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, 5.2 miles west of Redwood Valley, in the County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 16, T16N, R13W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Orr Springs, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 151-110-09; latitude 39.24896 N and longitude -123.302691 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-59179-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Tobias Rodriques representing Greenfield Ranch Association.

The Project is limited to 1 (one) encroachment for the diversion and impoundment of in-stream waters of Eldridge Creek for recreation and storage of emergency fire use. The Point of Diversion (POD) is a historic concrete dam, 23 feet fall and 40 feet wide. At the base of the dam is a fish-passable four-foot by four-foot gateway which can be shut with a sluice gate. Beside this gate is an adjustable valve that allows bypass flow when the sluice gate is closed. The Project impounds water from approximately May 15 to November 15 of each year, diverting no more than 10% of flow to fill the in-stream reservoir. Once the reservoir is full, the Project bypasses 100% flow. The reservoir's draw down results in no more than 120% flow.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Permittee: Tobias Rodriques representing Greenfield Ranch Association
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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 is the continuing operation of a dam and seasonal water impoundment. The project does not propose any expansion of use and includes measures to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife.

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