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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Zumalt Pond Diversion and Spillway Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-63157-R1C)

Project Location: The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 1.4 miles northeast of the town of Redwood Valley, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 3, Township 16N, Range 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Redwood Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 163-170-07-00; latitude 39.27035 N and longitude 123.17842 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-63157-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jason Zumalt.

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment including water diversion from an existing onstream reservoir, and repairs to the spillway. Work for the water diversion is associated with Water Right ID No. A023792 and will include operation and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure, and modifications as needed to comply with the terms of this Agreement. Water is diverted for frost protection and irrigation of cannabis, vineyard, vegetables, flowers, and an orchard. Work for the spillway repairs will include removal of the overhanging end of the concrete-lined channel and the existing rock, and installation of approximately 15 cubic yards of new 6–9-inch angular rock riprap with a minimum thickness of 18 inches in an area of approximately 25-feet-long by 10.5-feet-wide. The spillway shall not be used as a seasonal vehicular crossing without prior notification to CDFW.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Permittee: Jason Zumalt
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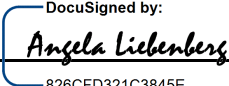
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Zumalt Pond Diversion and Spillway Repair Project (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemption because the Project consists the operation, repair, maintenance, and permitting of an existing onstream reservoir with no proposed expansion of its existing use.

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