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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: 2023 Storm Damage Permanent Restoration on Mendocino Pass Road, Milepost 15.50 (Project) Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-60786-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 18.4 miles northeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 27, T23 N, R10W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian ; in the Mendocino Pass U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 032-310-01-00; latitude 39.81920 N and longitude 122.97356 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-60786-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Howard Dashiell, representing the Mendocino County Department of Transportation.

The project is limited to one (1) encroachment to replace a culvert damaged during the 2023 winter storms at Mile Post (MP) 15.50. The damaged corrugated metal pipe culvert will be replaced with a precast concrete box culvert. Additional work for this encroachment will include excavation, installation of new concrete headwalls, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

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 – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project replaces an existing culvert with an appropriately sized culvert and will be installed to current standards. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. The structures have the same use and capacity.

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