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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Buckeye Lane M.P. 0.05 Culvert Replacement Project (Project)
 Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-57958-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 1.8 miles northwest of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 10 T18 N, R14 W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Burbeck U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; within the County Right-of-Way adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number APN 100-171-12-00; latitude 39.42944 N and longitude 123.39685 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-57958-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 remove and replace the existing culvert and inlet headwall with a 36" diameter HDPE pipe and pre-cast concrete headwall. A pipe downspout and rock energy dissipator will be installed at the culvert outlet to armor and stabilize the eroded road embankment. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, backfilling and compaction of fill, and repaving Buckeye Lane above the crossing.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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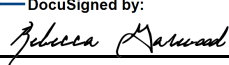
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Exempt Status:

☒ 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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Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

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