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To:
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Weaver Creek Habitat Restoration Project (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2026-0034-R1)

Project Location (Trinity County): The Project is located on Weaver Creek, just downstream of the confluence of East Weaver Creek and West Weaver Creek, tributaries to the Trinity River, in the unincorporated town of Weaverville. The Project is in the County of Trinity, State of California; Latitude 40.722783 and Longitude -122.938365.

Project Description: On August 31, 2026, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued this Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 1670 of the Fish and Game Code to the Yurok Tribe. This Project includes management or propagation activities intended to benefit native fish, wildlife, plants, or their habitat, or a combination thereof. The Project is expected to improve spawning and rearing habitat for the southern Oregon/northern California Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) of Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) in Weaver Creek by increasing the floodplain footprint, increasing frequency of floodplain inundation, realigning the channel, and creating a network of floodplain swales. CDFW has determined that the Project is a Qualifying Restoration Project pursuant to section 1671(d)(1) of the Fish and Game Code, and the Project is expected to result in a substantial, cumulative benefit to native fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat, or any combination thereof. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described RMP on the date signed below.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.56. Under Public Resources Code section 21080.1, subdivision (a), the lead agency is responsible for determining whether a project is exempt from CEQA, and that determination is final and conclusive on all persons, including responsible agencies. Notwithstanding Section 21080.1, subdivision (a), a lead agency's determination that a project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.56 is only valid if the exemption determination is made after the Director of CDFW has concurred with the lead agency's preliminary determination that the project meets certain qualifying criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive.

On October 13, 2025, Trinity County made a preliminary determination that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive. On October 13, 2025, the Director of CDFW concurred with Trinity County's preliminary determination. On June 16, 2026, Trinity County as CEQA lead agency made a final determination that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, and Trinity County determined that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.56. CDFW, now acting as a CEQA responsible agency for the issuance of the RMP on August 31, 2026 is bound by Trinity County determination on June 16, 2026 that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.56.

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