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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Harte Stream Crossing and Restoration Project (Project) (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-57492-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 2.5 miles northwest of the town of Potter Valley, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 12, T17N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Redwood Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 172-230-15; latitude 39.34634 N and longitude 123.14786 W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-57492-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Brian Harte.

The Project is limited to two (2) encroachments. Encroachment 1 is to replace an existing double-barrel culvert with an appropriately-designed and installed stream crossing. Work for this encroachment will include: 1) submission of a Basis of Design and Construction Plans to CDFW for review and acceptance within two years of the effective date of the Agreement, and 2) installation of the accepted stream crossing, as designed.

Encroachment 2 is to remove debris, restore and revegetate the stream channel along approximately 90 linear feet of Boyes Creek. Work will be implemented as described in the "Streamside Management Area Restoration/Revegetation Plan" submitted with the notification, and in accordance with additional information required in Measure 2.26 of the Agreement.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Permittee: Brian Harte

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**Exempt Status:**

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 and Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 and Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project will replace an existing double-barrel culvert with an appropriately sized and designed stream crossing, 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 new stream crossing will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Stream restoration will involve minor alteration to water, land, and vegetation on private property that does not involve the removal of mature trees.

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