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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Cold Springs Distribution Line Project (Project) Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-63991-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Elk Creek watershed, approximately 5.29 miles southwest of the town of Philo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 4, T13 N, R15 W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Cold Spring U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 026-430-23-00; latitude 39.03170 N and longitude -123.52446 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-63991-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Monica Morris, representing the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire).

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment to remove and replace a four-foot wide concrete box with 12-inch diameter culvert pipes with a minimum 36-inch diameter by 35-foot long high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, 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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☒ 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.

Jennifer Garrison, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), (707) 477-7792.

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