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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Oregon Gulch Restoration Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TRI-66943-R1)

Project Location (Shasta County): The project is located at 45400 State Highway 299 on Oregon Gulch Creek, tributary to North Fork Trinity River, in the County of Trinity, State of California; latitude 40.72968, longitude -123.03269, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 024-010-046-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-TRI-66943-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Dustin Tillinghast.

The purpose of the project is to implement corrective actions to comply with Cleanup and Abatement and Water Code Section 13267 Investigative Order No. R1-2023-0036 from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and a CDFW Notice of Violation, for impacts to Oregon Gulch and associated tributaries resulting from unauthorized activities including stream channel relocation, impoundment, and obstruction.

The project will include removal of one stream crossing, breaching of a constructed channel in four locations to restore floodplain connectivity, removal of the remnants of an onstream impoundment to restore additional floodplain connectivity, and removal of deleterious materials placed where they may enter waters of the state.

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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.

Class 4, Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304. Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Class 8; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308. Actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of minor grading which does not remove healthy, mature scenic trees, and activities intended to remediate Fish and Game Code violations.

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