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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Ives Railcar Bridge across Russian River Project (Project) Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-67004-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 7.4 miles southeast of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 7, T17N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Redwood Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 107-210-10-00; latitude 39.33743 N and longitude 123.22490 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-67004-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Zack Ives.

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment to remove and replace a railcar bridge over the Russian River damaged during the 2017 Lighting Complex fires. The replacement bridge will be placed on existing abutments. Work for this encroachment will include minor excavation to extend an existing inboard ditch on the western approach, minor vegetation trimming, and applying native grass seed and straw mulch for erosion control. Work will be completed when the channel is dry and equipment will not enter the stream channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
Permittee: Zack Ives
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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 bridge 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 structure has the same use and capacity.

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

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