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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Redwood Creek Tributary Stream Remediation Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-HUM-69624-R1C)

Project Location (Humboldt): The Project is located within the Redwood watershed, approximately 2.3 miles west of the town of Redway, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 17, T4S, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 220-261-024; latitude 40.1222 N and longitude 123.8811 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-HUM-69624-R1C, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Jojobe Lemke, a representative for North Sky Communications.

The Project is limited to one encroachment. The single encroachment will remove bentonite and associated slurry from approximately 200 linear feet of an unnamed tributary, tributary to Redwood Creek. Work for this encroachment will include extraction of waste and bentonite using a barrel vacuum truck, portable shop style vacuums, and hand tools. Removed waste will be moved off site and disposed of at a licensed receiving site. Biological monitors will be onsite during the removal to complete daily preclearance surveys, capture and relocation of all fish and wildlife species.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – [Class 7, 8, and 21 California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15307, 15308, and 15321

Reasons why project is exempt: This project will remove deposited bentonite from the stream that was discharged unlawfully. This work will be completed at the request of regulatory agencies utilizing enforcement actions including issuance of Notices of Violation and A Cleanup and Abatement Order. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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