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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: McLeod Bank Stabilization (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-68634-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 0.9 mile southeast of the town of Redwood Valley, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 9, T16N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Redwood Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 163-240-24; latitude 39.25746 N and longitude 123.19023 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-68634-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Janet McLeod.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on September 9, 2025. The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment to stabilize 40 feet of the left streambank (facing downstream) of Salt Hollow Creek, divided into two treatment areas (Treatment Area A and Treatment Area B). Treatment Area A is a continuation of the adjacent project permitted under Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-68802-R1C being carried out by the Mendocino County Department of Transportation. Treatment Area B will armor the remaining streambank in the project area with vegetated rock slope protection (VRSP). During VRSP installation, individual willow stakes will be bent up through the rock while ensuring contact of the stem with native ground. All non-natural debris (culvert(s), old fences, broken concrete, etc.) encountered in the streambank during project implementation shall be removed and disposed of appropriately. The fallen tree spanning

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the stream channel will be removed and placed in an upland location, and native tree species appropriate for the site will be planted along the top of bank.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status: On September 29, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15301 and 15304. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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