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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Halter Stream Crossing Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-63011-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The Project to be completed is located within the Upper Eel River watershed, approximately 13 miles north of the town of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 9, T20N, R14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Longvale U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 036-010-44; latitude 39.59800 N and longitude 123.42927 W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-63011-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to James Halter.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on December 9, 2025. The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment to upgrade an existing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert and concrete, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, 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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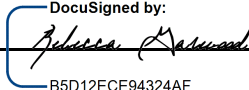
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**Exempt Status:**

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Halter Stream Crossing Project (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemption because the Project consists of the replacement of an existing stream crossing where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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