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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Mad Creek Culvert Replacement Project (Project) (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-68041-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 7.5 miles south of the town of Legget, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 22, T23N, R16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Tan Oak Park U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 053-470-04-00; latitude 39.82963, N and longitude 123.61579 W.

Project Description: The Project is limited to one encroachment to remove and replace a 36-inch diameter by 40-foot long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert with a minimum 60-inch diameter by 40-foot long culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Additional activities include installing a critical dip on the western road approach and re-contouring and rock-lining two existing roadside ditches.

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

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Reasons why project is exempt: The project replaces an existing culvert with an appropriately sized culvert 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 structures have the same use and capacity.

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