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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Clarke Ranch New Road Decommissioning Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-68905-R1C)

Project Location: The Project to be completed is located within the Ten Mile River watershed, approximately 7 miles southwest of the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Sections 7 and 8, T20N, R15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Sherwood Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-68905-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kevin Harvey (Permittee), representing Rhys Vineyards.

The project is limited to seven (7) encroachments (Map Points A, B, C, E, F, G and H). The encroachments relate to decommissioning 2,332 feet of road, and restoration of associated stream crossings and stream impacts. The project also includes removal of one ditch relief culvert (identified as Map Point D in the notification) to reduce the potential for sediment delivery to streams.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Permittee: Kevin Harvey
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Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: Clarke Ranch New Road Decommissioning (Project) meets the criteria for the above categorical exemption because the Project consists of minor alterations to land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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