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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION Low Gap Road at Milepost 19.24 Culvert Replacement
(Project) Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-69270-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately two miles west of the town of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 14, T15N, R13W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Orrs Creek U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 156-160-18-00; latitude 39.16357 N and longitude 123.26627 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-69270-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Howard Dashiell, representing the Mendocino County Department of Transportation.

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment to replace an existing culvert damaged during by storm events in 2025 and 2026. Work for this encroachment will include the removal of the existing 24-inch culvert, headwall, and downspout and installation of a minimum 36-inch culvert, cast-in-place concrete headwall, and rock armoring at the outfall to stabilize the stream bank. Additional activities will include backfilling, compaction of fill to rebuild the road and road shoulder, and repaving of the road surface. All work will occur when the stream is dry.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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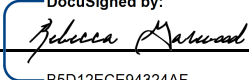
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Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The 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.

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