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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION Mendoza Don Pedro Ranch Stream Crossings Project
(Project) Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS- MEN-68830-R1C

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 2.5 miles west of the town of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 22, T18, R14, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Burbeck U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 038-201-76, 038-201-84, 038-201-83, 038-130-96, 038-130-11; latitude 39.392929 N and longitude 123.396052 W at the first encroachment.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- MEN-68830-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Julian Mendoza.

The Project is limited to nine (9) encroachments. Seven (7) encroachments are for annual construction, use, and maintenance of seasonal vented ford crossings, including removal at the end of each season. One encroachment is to rock armor an existing seasonal ford. One encroachment is to remove and replace an undersized culvert with an appropriately-sized minimum 48-inch by 40-foot culvert. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Vehicles shall not be operated on the ford crossings when surface water is present.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Permittee: Julian Mendoza
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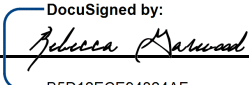
Exempt Status:

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October 19, 2026

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project replaces an existing culvert and a rock ford crossing 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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