

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -**

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Kamnikar Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-68824-R1C)

Project Location: The Project is located within the lower Eel River watershed, approximately four (4) miles southeast of the City of Ferndale, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 21, T2N, R1W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Fortuna U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 106-111-005; latitude 40.5435 N and longitude 124.1942 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The Project is limited to one encroachment for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Barber Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of existing water diversion infrastructure, and any structure upgrades necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the Streambed Alteration Agreement.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Shaun Kamnikar

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of an existing private structure or facility. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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