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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Upper Quarry Road Stream Crossings Project (EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-HUM-68512-R1C)

Project Location (Humboldt County): The Project is located within the Van Duzen River watershed, approximately 1 1/3 miles southwest of the town of Bridgeville, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 15, T1N, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Bridgeville U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 207-186-003

Project Description: The project is limited to two encroachments for the installation of culverts at two recently decommissioned stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, installation of new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion (Project). Pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 1602 and 1603, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued a streambed alteration agreement (EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-HUM-68512-R1C) for the Project.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Exempt Status: On October 5, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), as the CEQA lead agency for the Project, determined the Project is categorically exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (Class 1). Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), if the lead agency determines a

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project is exempt from CEQA, that determination is final and conclusive on all persons, including responsible agencies. As a result, CDFW, as a responsible agency for the Project, is bound by the Regional Board's exemption determination.

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