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To:
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Laufenberg Ranch Road Improvement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-64243-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Bidwell Creek, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.614340°, Longitude -122.676080°; 17104 Spencer Lane, Calistoga, CA, 94515; Assessor's Parcel Number 120-100-006.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-64243-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Sonoma Land Trust.

The project is limited to the installation of a new 42-inch diameter 30-foot-long metal culvert at Site 2, and the removal of an existing 18-inch diameter 20-foot-long culvert and replacement with a rock ford at Site 1 (Exhibit A). The project will also involve the installation of a rock grade control structure to treat an existing head-cut directly above the existing culvert to be removed. The project will restore riparian habitat by decommissioning an existing gravel road segment within riparian habitat and replanting the area with native riparian vegetation. The project will result in approximately 0.089 acres of temporary impact to riparian habitat and approximately 0.008 acres of permanent impact to riparian habitat. The project will also result in the removal of four riparian trees. Access and staging will occur within an existing roadway. No work will occur in flowing water.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

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