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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Lessing Bank Stabilization (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SON-67347-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at the Russian River, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.469730°, Longitude -123.016940°; 21662 Moscow Road, Monte Rio, CA, 95462; Assessor's Parcel Number 095-091-031.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SON-67347-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kelder Engineering, Inc.

The project is limited to the biotechnical stabilization and revegetation of an eroding bank along the Russian River. The project will require stabilization of approximately 7,100 square feet of the bank of the river using riprap interplanted with willow (*Salix* sp.) stakes. The work will occur using an excavator to dig a keyway at the toe of the slope to place rock riprap. Construction of the bank stabilization will not include any work in the flowing water of the Russian River, and all equipment will be operated on dry land. The project will result in approximately 7,100 square feet (0.16 acres) of permanent impact and approximately 2,230 square feet (0.05 acres) of temporary impact to riparian habitat. A total of two riparian trees will be removed as part of this project. Access and staging will occur via an existing driveway and developed backyard.

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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