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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: 1450 Diamond Mountain Road Fire Mitigation (Stream Restoration) (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-NAP-68261-R3)

Project Location (Napa): The Project is located on Diamond Creek, in an unincorporated area of the County of Napa just south of the City of Calistoga, State of California; Latitude 38.56516, Longitude -122.57065.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-NAP-68261-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Curtis Cox.

The Project is limited to restoration activities involving the removal of a temporary stream crossing, boulder placement, and vegetation debris piles along the stream bank, and planting native species along the riparian corridor. A miniature excavator and hand tools will be used to complete this work. Access will occur from river left to river right via the existing temporary creek crossing. Once the area is restored, then the temporary crossing will be deconstructed. This Agreement is in response to unauthorized activities that occurred in May of 2026, including placement of a stream crossing comprised of three 8 inch diameter pipes and overlaid with earthen materials covering approximately 530 square feet (53 linear feet), placement of 260 linear feet of boulders in a line along top of bank, and the removal of riparian vegetation, previously downed burned trees, and planting activities on 0.18 acres (260 linear feet). The Project will result in restoration of the impacted area of 0.19 acres and 313 linear feet of stream habitat. Water will be present during the designated work period.

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Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
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Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4 and 33); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 and 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of: 1) minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, and 2) projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

CDFW Contact Person: Jessa Ehlinger, Environmental Scientist, (707) 815-7630, Jessa.Ehlinger@wildlife.ca.gov

Signature: DocuSigned by: Craig Weightman 7988F6C4FDC24F2... *Date:* 9/22/2026

Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

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