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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Vittum Water Diversion Project (Project) (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MEN-67981-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 7 miles NE of the town of Leggett, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 15, T24N, R16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Bell Springs U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 011-900-49-00; latitude 39.93221 N and longitude 123.61866 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MEN-67981-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Neil Vittum.

The Project is limited to one (1) encroachment for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Elkhorn Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use only. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
Permittee: Neil Vittum
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Exempt Status:

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

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Reasons why project is exempt: Vittum Water Diversion Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption type Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 because the project involves maintenance and use of an existing spring diversion. The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

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