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Project Title: Fern Canyon Trail Improvements (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0921-R1)

Project Location: The project affects approximately 1.3 miles of foot trail in Van Damme State Park and following Little River, beginning approximately 0.75 miles northeast of the town of Little River, in the County of Mendocino, State of California; Sections 4 and 5, Township 16N, Range 17W; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Mendocino, Calif. U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle. Beginning at Latitude 39.27731°, Longitude -123.77757°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0921-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Steve Nawrath, representing California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The project is limited to two encroachments. The first is along a foot trail through a riparian corridor, within the floodplain of Little River, and frequently functioning as top of bank for the river. Improvements to this trail include the installation of drain lenses in persistently wet areas, critical dips or other features to reduce flow on the trail surface, and other minor improvements. The second encroachment installs a puncheon bridge crossing at an unnamed tributary and defines the upstream and downstream channel at the crossing.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Steve Nawrath, representing California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 and 15304.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project improves and reconstructs an existing foot trail, and alters a small tributary by installing a puncheon bridge. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. The project is a minor alteration to land, water, and vegetation, does not remove any trees, and does not alter the purpose or capacity of the original trail.

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