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Project Title: Valentine Dam Removal and Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0266-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Point Arena River watershed, approximately 5 miles northwest of the town of Gualala, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 2, T11N, R16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Gualala U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The project is limited to one (1) encroachment. Encroachment 1 includes removal of an unpermitted dam and water diversion infrastructure, and installation of new, appropriately-designed water diversion infrastructure. New water diversion infrastructure shall not be installed or utilized until design plans have been submitted to CDFW for review and concurrence as described in the Agreement. Water will be diverted for landscape irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include installation, use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Robert Valentine

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 21 and Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project includes removal of an unpermitted dam at the request of California Department of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement staff. The project will also include a new water diversion complying with protective conditions included in the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat from the remediation work, as permitted, pursuant to section 15065. There are no known hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The remediation project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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