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Project Title: Neill Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-13679-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 2.9 miles southwest of the town of Garberville, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 34, T4S, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Garberville U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 222-141-022; latitude 40.0691 N and longitude 123.8282 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-13679-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to John Neill.

The project is limited to one encroachment for water diversion from the South Fork Eel River. Water is diverted for non-cannabis irrigation use. Work for the water diversion will include 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: John Neill

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will divert water from an off-set well adjacent to the South Fork Eel River. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The 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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