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Project Title: Vernon Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0289-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within Reas Creek watershed, approximately 2.96 miles southwest of the town of Ferndale, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 22, T2N, R2W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Ferndale U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 101-141-0009; latitude 40.540751 N and longitude 124.282826 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0289-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ms. Rochelle Vernon.

The project is limited to 1 encroachment on an unnamed tributary to Reas Creek to remediate for past activity and divert surface water for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include modification, use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure in compliance with this agreement.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Ms. Rochelle Vernon

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will permit upgrading and remediation of existing but unpermitted water diversion to avoid and minimize impacts to fish and wildlife. 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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