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**Project Title:** Norgaard Ramsey Homestead Crossing Upgrade Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-21830-R1C)

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is in the Island Mountain area on unnamed tributaries to the Eel River watershed, approximately 0.5 miles west of the town of Ramsey, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 5, T24N, R14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Updegraff Ridge U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 022-200-029-00, 022-200-037-00, 011-530-03-01, and 031-010-24-01 (Properties); latitude 39.973671 N and longitude 123.455441 W at the center of the parcels.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-21830-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Patrick Norgaard.

The project is limited to seven encroachments. Six encroachments are to upgrade existing stream crossings. Work will include some or all of the following: excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. One project will include upgrading a pond spillway and removal of introduced largemouth bass.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Mr. Patrick Norgaard

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project will permit remediation of existing stream crossings, a pond spillway, and removal of unauthorized stocking of largemouth bass; involving minor alterations to land. Most work is associated with resolution to a notice of violation associated with illicit cannabis cultivation activities documented on May 13, 2021. By complying to the avoidance and minimization of the Agreement, 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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