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**California Environmental Quality Act Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects – Wood Creek Phase III – Felt Ranch Off-Channel Rearing Habitat Project (Request No. 21080.56-2023-028-R1)**

Dear Mr. Bundschuh:

I am pleased to inform you as the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) that I concur with the lead agency determination by the Humboldt County Department of Public Works that the Wood Creek Phase III – Felt Ranch Off-Channel Rearing Habitat Project qualifies as a statutorily exempt restoration project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.56, subd. (e).) My concurrence as the CDFW Director is based on CDFW's independent review of the Humboldt County Department of Public Works request for concurrence, which CDFW received on May 9, 2023. In my opinion, informed by the best available science and described in the separate CDFW concurrence, the Wood Creek Phase III – Felt Ranch Off-Channel Rearing Habitat Project meets all the qualifying criteria in Public Resources Code section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive.

This concurrence signifies the continued commitment by CDFW and its partners in advancing the "Cutting the Green Tape" initiative, which is a collaborative effort to increase the pace and scale of restoration projects in California in a way that protects the environment and results in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery. CDFW stands ready to continue this effort in coordination with the Humboldt County Department of Public Works.

CDFW's concurrence will be posted on our website as provided by Public Resources Code section 21080.56. If you have any related questions, please contact Brad Henderson, Cutting the Green Tape Program Manager, at (530) 351-5948, or by email at [Brad.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Brad.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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