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Project Title: Kowtko Stream Crossing Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-57009-R1C)

Project Location (include county): The Project to be completed is located within the Van Duzen River watershed, approximately six miles west of the town of Ruth, County of Trinity, State of California. The Project is located in Section 18, T2S, R7E, Humboldt Principal Meridian; in the Ruth Lake U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 020-500-021-000; latitude 40.2885N and longitude 123.4360W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TRI-57009-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Michael Kowtko Jr.

Project Description from LSA

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Michael Kowtko Jr

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is limited to one encroachment. The encroachment is to upgrade an existing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. An on-stream reservoir is also located on the property and will be managed for invasive species. This Agreement does not sanction the reservoir as a point of diversion. 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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