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**Project Title:** Fales Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0037-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 1.06 miles north northwest of the town of Thorn Junction, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 29, T04S, R02E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 220-171-004; latitude 40.0776 N and longitude 123.9715 W at the parcel center

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0037-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Ms. Jade Fales.

The project is limited to 3 encroachments on unnamed tributaries to Mattole River. One encroachment is for water diversion for domestic use only. Work for the water diversion will include modification, use, and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The other encroachments are to upgrade and decommission existing culverts and remediate water pollution violations. Work for these encroachments may include some or all of the following: excavation, channel reconstruction, culver removal, culvert replacement, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Ms. Jade Fales

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 21; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project proposes to remediate impacts from unpermitted stream channel modifications and water diversion. Unpermitted work and activities were conducted in association with cannabis cultivation and without a Streambed Alteration Agreement (Fish & Game Code [FGC] Section 1602) before September 12, 2018. The project will also prevent sediment from entering streams, violations of FGC Section 5650. This is an action by regulatory agency to enforce or revoke a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use issued, adopted, or prescribed by the regulatory agency or enforcement of a law, general rule, standard, or objective, administered or adopted by the regulatory agency. 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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