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**Project Title:** Gradin Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0394-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Redwood Creek and South Fork Eel River watersheds, approximately 1.8 miles south of the town of Briceland, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 30, T4S, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 222-083-005; latitude 40.0813 N and longitude 123.8952 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0394-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Garrett Gradin.

The project is limited to five encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Somerville Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The four other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized culverts at road/stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, 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: Garrett Gradin

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project would permit improvements to stream crossings and condition water 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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