To: Office of Planning and Research *For U.S. Mail:* P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 **From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife Northern Region 619 Second Street Eureka, California 95501



Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Larsen Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-35064-R1C)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Freshwater Creek watershed, approximately 1.13 miles northwest of the town of Kneeland, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 15, T4N, R2E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the laqua Buttes U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 314-131-075; latitude 40.729167 N and longitude 123.965311 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-HUM-35064-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Brian Larsen.

The project is limited to one encroachment for water diversion from Freshwater Creek for domestic use and irrigation. Work will include upgrading existing infrastructure and use and maintenance of the replacement water diversion infrastructure.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Brian Larsen

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will permit upgrading an existing surface-water diversion to avoid and minimize impacts to fish and wildlife. 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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