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Subject: Draft Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement
Notification No. 1600-2019-0133-R1
Kaufman Diversion and Crossings Project

Dear David Kaufman:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has determined that your project requires a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) because it could substantially adversely affect an existing fish or wildlife resource. Enclosed is a draft Agreement that includes measures the Department has determined are necessary to protect existing fish and wildlife resources.

Within 30 days of receipt of this draft Agreement, you must notify the Department in writing whether the measures to protect fish and wildlife resources are acceptable (Fish and Game Code section 1603). If you agree with the measures set forth in the draft Agreement, you or your authorized representative **must return the draft Agreement with original signature to the above address.**

If you disagree with any measures in the draft Agreement, please contact the Department staff identified below. In the event that mutual agreement is not reached, you may follow the dispute resolution process described in Fish and Game Code section 1603(a), Part III of the "Notification Instructions and Process." If you fail to respond in writing within 90 days of receiving the draft Agreement, the Department may withdraw the draft Agreement.

After you receive a final Agreement executed by the Department, you may begin the project the Agreement authorizes provided you have obtained all other necessary local, state, and federal permits or other authorizations.

For more information on the process described above, please refer to the "Notification Instructions and Process" included with your notification materials, which is also available at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/lisa>.

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Please be advised the Department may not execute the Agreement until it has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*) as the lead or a responsible agency. Please note that the draft Agreement may be subject to change upon receipt and review of the environmental document for the overall project and that the Department may have additional comments or concerns during the CEQA review process.

This Agreement only covers jurisdictional items under Fish and Game Code 1600 *et seq.*, but there may be other aspects of the overall development project that invoke the Department's role as trustee and responsible agency under CEQA. Therefore, the Department may submit additional comments, requests for information, and recommend requirements for mitigation or monitoring in order to avoid significant impacts to fish and wildlife or their habitat. Furthermore, this Agreement does not authorize "take" of any state or federal listed threatened, endangered, or candidate species.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Environmental Scientist Greg O'Connell at gregory.oconnell@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT
NOTIFICATION NO. 1600-2019-0133-R1
Unnamed Tributary to the Mattole River and the Pacific Ocean

David Kaufman
Kaufman Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project
3 Encroachments

This Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) is entered into between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Kaufman (Permittee).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1602, the Permittee initially notified CDFW on February 26, 2019, revised on July 03, 2019, that the Permittee intends to complete the project described herein.

WHEREAS, pursuant to FGC section 1603, CDFW has determined that the project could substantially adversely affect existing fish or wildlife resources and has included measures in the Agreement necessary to protect those resources.

WHEREAS, the Permittee has reviewed the Agreement and accepts its terms and conditions, including the measures to protect fish and wildlife resources.

NOW THEREFORE, the Permittee agrees to complete the project in accordance with the Agreement.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project to be completed is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 5 miles east of the town of Briceland, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 19, T04S, R02E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Shelter Cove and Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles; Humboldt County Assessor's Parcel Number 220-071-008; latitude 40.09693 N and longitude -123.99815 W at the point of diversion (POD).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is limited to three encroachments (Table 1). One encroachment is for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to the Mattole River. Water is diverted for irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The two other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and

undersized stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Table 1. Project Encroachments with Description

ID	Latitude/Longitude	Description
POD-1	40.09693, -123.99815	Existing diversion structure is a 12-inch diameter by 12-inch deep concrete pipe in a Class II Spring at the head of a Class III watercourse. Water is used for irrigation.
Crossing-2	40.09690, -123.99847	Replace undersized 12" diameter culvert with minimum 18" diameter culvert. A minimum 24" diameter culvert is recommended in forested settings.
Crossing-3	40.10151, -123.99778	Replace a dirt ford crossing with minimum 24" diameter culvert.

The Permittee has disclosed a former water diversion on the Mattole River (Located at approximately 40.10371, -124.00186) that is no longer in use. All infrastructure associated with this former water diversion shall be removed.

The Permittee has also disclosed a former temporary crossing (Crossing-1 located at approximately 40.10328, 124.0003) that shall be decommissioned and no longer used. The decommissioning of this crossing requires no disturbance to the bed, bank or channel. The road approaches shall have downed slash (tree branches and limbs) laid down perpendicular to the road and water bars installed at the break in grade on each approach to the crossing.

During a site visit on June 27, 2019, CDFW identified an existing 84" diameter culvert (located at approximately 40.10066, -123.99712) that based on habitat presence relative to CDFW's Policy Regarding Restorable Habitat and Watersheds for Fish (2004), is considered to be a Class I stream. Current configuration of the crossing likely does not comply with Fish and Game Code (FGC) 5901. The culvert crossing was observed to be stable and appears to be able to pass adult steelhead at most flows, however it is likely a barrier to juveniles and other aquatic species. When it comes time to replace the culvert, a design which passes juvenile and adult steelhead and complies with FGC 5901 would be required.

Culverts that were disclosed in the Notification, but not included as 1602 projects with fees, are not covered under this Agreement. If maintenance (such as armoring) and/or replacement is necessary, that work will need to be covered under a major amendment or a separate Agreement.

No other projects that may be subject to FGC1602 were disclosed. This Agreement does not retroactively permit any stream crossings, water diversions or other encroachments not described in Table 1.

PROJECT IMPACTS

Existing fish or wildlife resources the project could substantially adversely affect include Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Coho Salmon (*O. kisutch*), Steelhead Trout (*O. mykiss*), Western Brook Lamprey (*Lampetra richardsoni*), Pacific Lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentata*), Southern Torrent Salamander (*Rhyacotriton variegatus*), Pacific Giant Salamander (*Dicamptodon tenebrosus*), Foothill Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana boylei*), Coastal Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus truei*), Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata marmorata*) amphibians, reptiles, aquatic invertebrates, mammals, birds, and other aquatic and riparian species.

The adverse effects the project could have on the fish or wildlife resources identified above include:

Impacts to water quality:

increased water temperature;
reduced instream flow;
temporary increase in fine sediment transport;

Impacts to bed, channel, or bank and direct effects on fish, wildlife, and their habitat:

loss or decline of riparian habitat;
direct impacts on benthic organisms;

Impacts to natural flow and effects on habitat structure and process:

cumulative effect when other diversions on the same stream are considered;
diversion of flow from activity site;
direct and/or incidental take;
indirect impacts;
impediment of up- or down-stream migration;
water quality degradation; and
damage to aquatic habitat and function.

MEASURES TO PROTECT FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

1. Administrative Measures

The Permittee shall meet each administrative requirement described below.

- 1.1 Documentation at Project Site. The Permittee shall make the Agreement, any extensions and amendments to the Agreement, and all related notification materials and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents, readily available at the project site at all times and shall be presented to CDFW personnel, or personnel from another state, federal, or local agency upon request.

- 1.2 Providing Agreement to Persons at Project Site. The Permittee shall provide copies of the Agreement and any extensions and amendments to the Agreement to all persons who will be working on the project at the project site on behalf of the Permittee, including but not limited to contractors, subcontractors, inspectors, and monitors.
- 1.3 Notification of Conflicting Provisions. The Permittee shall notify CDFW if the Permittee determines or learns that a provision in the Agreement might conflict with a provision imposed on the project by another local, state, or federal agency. In that event, CDFW shall contact the Permittee to resolve any conflict.
- 1.4 Project Site Entry. The Permittee agrees to allow CDFW employees access to any property it owns and/or manages for the purpose of inspecting and/or monitoring the activities covered by this Agreement, provided CDFW: a) provides 24 hours advance notice; and b) allows the Permittee or representatives to participate in the inspection and/or monitoring. This condition does not apply to CDFW enforcement personnel. As a result of field inspection, CDFW may require that additional measures be applied to specific activities to protect sensitive biological resources. Such measures may be amended into this Agreement with the agreement of both parties, or if an exception to authorized activities is identified, Permittee may be asked to submit separate written notification to CDFW Northern Region.
- 1.5 Adherence to Existing Authorizations. All water diversion facilities that the Permittee owns, operates, or controls shall be operated and maintained in accordance with current law and applicable water rights.
- 1.6 Other Agency Permitting Requirements. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has permitting requirements for certain instream projects under Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act. If this project features the placement of dredged or fill materials into the channels of streams (below the ordinary high water mark) that are waters of the United States, a permit may be required by the Corps. If your project needs a permit from the Corps, you will also need to obtain a Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board). In addition, if your project will involve disturbance within or discharges of pollutants to waters of the State of California, the Regional Water Boards may require a permit, whether or not the Corps requires a permit. If there is any question regarding the possibility of the project meeting the above limitations, the Permittee should contact the Corps and the Regional Water Board prior to beginning work. This Agreement in no way represents permitting requirements by the Corps or the Regional Water Board. It is the responsibility of the Permittee to contact the Corps, and to comply with the provisions of any Section 404 permit issued, if required by the Corps. Similarly, it is the responsibility of the Permittee to contact the Regional Water Board and to comply with the provisions of any Section 401 Certification, Regional Water Board Waste Discharge Requirements or waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Board.

- 1.7 Change of Conditions and Need to Cease Operations. If conditions arise, or change, in such a manner as to be considered deleterious by CDFW to the stream or wildlife, operations shall cease until corrective measures approved by CDFW are taken. This includes new information becoming available that indicates bypass flows, diversion rates or other measures provided in this agreement are not providing adequate protection to keep aquatic life downstream in good condition or to avoid "take" or "incidental take" of federal or State listed species.
- 1.8 CDFW Notification of Work Initiation and Completion. The Permittee shall contact CDFW within the 7-day period preceding the beginning of work permitted by this Agreement. Information to be disclosed shall include Agreement number, and the anticipated start date. Subsequently, the Permittee shall notify CDFW no later than seven (7) days after the project is fully completed. **Notification of completion will include photographs of the completed work, erosion control measures, waste containment and disposal, and a summary of any CNDDDB submissions as required below.**
- 1.9 Notification to the California Natural Diversity Database. If any special status species are observed at any time during the project, a qualified Biologist shall submit California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB) forms to the CNDDDB within five (5) working days of the sightings. A summary of CNDDDB submissions shall be included with the completion notification. Forms and instructions for submissions to the CNDDDB may be found at:
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data>.

2. Avoidance and Minimization Measures

To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources identified above, the Permittee shall implement each measure listed below.

- 2.1 Permitted Project Activities. Except where otherwise stipulated in this Agreement, all work shall be in accordance with Permittee Notification, together with all maps, Best Management Practices (BMPs), photographs, drawings, and other supporting documents submitted with the Notification and received on February 26, 2019, revised on July 03, 2019.
- 2.2 Listed Species. This Agreement does not allow for the take, or incidental take of any state or federal listed threatened, endangered, or candidate species. No direct or indirect impacts shall occur to any threatened or endangered species as a result of implementing the project or the project's activities. If the project could result in the "take" of a state listed threatened or endangered species, the Permittee has the responsibility to obtain from CDFW, a California Endangered Species Act Permit (CESA section 2081).
- 2.3 Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog (FYLF) Avoidance. To avoid take of FYLF during its CESA candidacy period, the Permittee shall:

A. Conduct a Pre-Construction Survey. Within 3-5 days prior to entering or working at the Project Site, a qualified biologist shall examine the project site to determine the presence/absence of standing or flowing water, and the presence and/or the potential for presence of FYLF adults, juveniles, tadpoles or egg masses within the project area and 150 feet upstream and downstream. Prior to commencing work, Permittee shall provide to CDFW for review preconstruction survey notes and observations.

1. If FYLF are found during the pre-construction survey, Permittee shall:
 - a) Consult CDFW immediately by either telephone or e-mail and provide a short description of observations, including a count of individuals and the life stage(s), conditions at the site, and other aquatic species observed; and
 - b) Either propose site-specific mitigation measures that will be utilized to avoid take, or obtain an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) if take of FYLF cannot be avoided. Instream work shall not commence until CDFW has provided written approval of the proposed avoidance measures or an ITP has been issued.
2. If no FYLFs are found during the pre-construction survey and no surface water is present in the project area, work may commence without further surveys.
3. If no FYLFs are found but surface water is present during the pre-construction survey, *or if surface water becomes present at any time during the work period*, a qualified biologist shall survey the work site each day before commencement of work activities where equipment and/or materials may come in contact with FYLFs, streams, or riparian habitat.
4. If FYLFs are observed at any time during the construction season, work in the immediate area shall be halted, CDFW immediately consulted, and conservation measures developed and agreed to by CDFW prior to recommencing work.

B. Qualified Biologist. A qualified biologist is an individual who is experienced in construction level biological monitoring, knowledgeable in the biology, natural history, habits and behaviors of the FYLF, and who is able to recognize all age classes of FYLF relative to other amphibians in the project area. A qualified biologist shall have academic and professional experience in biological sciences or resource management activities. At least 15 days prior to commencement of Project-related surveys for FYLFs, Permittee shall provide to CDFW for review and approval the names and qualifications of individuals requesting qualified biologist status.

C. Decontamination. The Permittee is responsible for ensuring all project personnel adhere to the latest version of the Northern Region California Department of Fish and Wildlife Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Protocol for all field gear and equipment that will be in contact with water or FYLFs. Heavy equipment and other motorized or mechanized equipment that comes in contact with water should generally follow watercraft decontamination protocols found in the AIS Decontamination Protocol.

- 2.4 Nesting Birds. Actively nesting birds and their nests shall not be disturbed by project activities. If vegetation removal is necessary during the nesting season of protected raptors and migratory birds (**March 1 through August 15**), the Permittee shall notify CDFW of proposed work and a focused survey for bird nests and/or nesting behavior shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within seven days prior to the beginning of project-related activities. Surveys should encompass the area up to 50 feet from disturbance to account for songbirds, and up to 250 feet from disturbance for raptors. If a nest is found or suspected to be present, Permittee shall consult with CDFW regarding appropriate action to comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and Fish and Game Code. If a lapse in project-related work of seven days or longer occurs, another focused survey, and if required, consultation with CDFW shall be required before project work can be reinitiated.
- 2.5 Cannabis Cultivation Policy. If Cannabis is or becomes cultivated on the project parcel, Permittee shall comply with all requirements of the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Cannabis Cultivation Policy - Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation (Cannabis Cultivation Policy), dated April 16, 2019, or the latest version.

Project Timing

- 2.6 Work Period. All work, not including diversion of water, shall be confined to the period **June 15 through October 15** of each year. Work within the active channel of a stream shall be restricted to periods of **dry weather**. Precipitation forecasts and potential increases in stream flow shall be considered when planning construction activities. Construction activities shall cease and all necessary erosion control measures shall be implemented prior to the onset of precipitation. Limited vegetation removal may occur outside of this work period as per Measure 2.4.
- 2.7 Extension of the Work Period. If weather conditions permit, and the Permittee wishes to extend the work period after October 15, a written request shall be made to CDFW **at least 10-working days before the proposed work period variance**. Written approval (letter or e-mail) for the proposed time extension must be received from CDFW prior to activities continuing past October 15.

- 2.8 Work Completion. The proposed work shall be completed by no later than **October 15, 2021**. Failure to complete work by this date may result in suspension or revocation of this Agreement. A notice of completed work, including photographs of each site, shall be submitted to CDFW within seven (7) days of project completion.

Vegetation Management

- 2.9 Prohibited Plant Species. Permittee shall not plant, seed or otherwise introduce invasive plant species within the Project area. Prohibited invasive plant species include those identified in the California Invasive Plant Council's inventory database, which is accessible at: <https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/inventory/>.
- 2.10 Minimum Vegetation Removal. No native riparian vegetation shall be removed from the bank of the stream, except where authorized by CDFW. Permittee shall limit the disturbance or removal of native vegetation to the minimum necessary to achieve design guidelines and standards for the Authorized Activity. Permittee shall take precautions to avoid damage to vegetation outside the work area.
- 2.11 Vegetation Maintenance. Permittee shall limit vegetation management (e.g., trimming, pruning, or limbing) and removal for the purpose of stream crossing or diversion infrastructure placement/maintenance to the use of hand tools. Vegetation management shall not include treatment with herbicides.
- 2.12 Avoidance of Nesting Birds. Vegetation maintenance/removal as necessary within the scope of the project shall be confined to the period commencing August 16 and ending February 28, of any year in which this Agreement is valid, provided the work area is outside of the actively flowing stream. Work may continue during precipitation events provided stream flows have not risen into work areas and sediment delivery will not result.

General Stream Protection Measures

- 2.13 Fish and Aquatic Amphibians. If possible, work shall be conducted when the affected stream channel is void of surface water. If surface water is present during construction, the Permittee shall: a) have a biologist or other qualified professional survey the site and adjacent area for fish, amphibians, and turtles three days or less before commencing project activities and b) if fish, amphibians, or turtles are detected, CDFW's Greg O'Connell will be contacted by phone or email at (707) 441-5790 or gregory.oconnell@wildlife.ca.gov and work shall not commence until authorized by Mr. O'Connell or another CDFW representative.
- 2.14 Stream Protection. No debris, soil, silt, sand, bark, slash, sawdust, rubbish, cement or concrete washings, oil or petroleum products, or other material deleterious to fish, plant life, mammals or bird life shall be allowed to enter into or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall or runoff into the stream.

- 2.15 No Dumping. Permittee shall not deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into a stream, lake, or other Waters of the State any material deleterious to fish and wildlife, or abandon, dispose of, or throw away within 150 feet of a stream, lake, or other Waters of the State any cans, bottles, garbage, motor vehicle or parts thereof, rubbish, litter, refuse, waste, debris, or the viscera or carcass of any dead mammal, or the carcass of any dead bird.
- 2.16 Passage of Aquatic Life. Permitting shall not construct or maintain any device or contrivance that prevents, impedes, or tends to prevent or impede, the passing of aquatic life up and down stream. (FGC sections 45 and 5901).
- 2.17 Equipment Maintenance. Refueling of machinery or heavy equipment, or adding or draining oil, lubricants, coolants or hydraulic fluids shall not take place within stream bed, channel and bank. All such fluids and containers shall be disposed of properly off-site. Heavy equipment used or stored within stream bed, channel and bank shall use drip pans or other devices (e.g., absorbent blankets, sheet barriers or other materials) as needed to prevent soil and water contamination.
- 2.18 Hazardous Spills. Any material, which could be hazardous or toxic to aquatic life and enters a stream (i.e. a piece of equipment tipping-over in a stream and dumping oil, fuel or hydraulic fluid), the Permittee shall immediately notify the California Emergency Management Agency State Warning Center at 1-800-852-7550, and immediately initiate clean-up activities. CDFW shall be notified by the Permittee within 24 hours at 707-445-6493 and consulted regarding clean-up procedures.
- 2.19 Clean-up. Structures and associated materials not designed to withstand high seasonal flows shall be removed to areas above the ordinary high water mark before such flows occur or the end of the yearly work period, whichever comes first. All project materials and debris shall be removed from the project site and properly disposed of off-site upon project completion.
- 2.20 Erosion Control Measures
- 2.20.1 Seed and Mulch. Upon completion of construction operations and/or the onset of wet weather, Permittee shall stabilize exposed soil areas within the work area by applying mulch and seed. Permittee shall restore all exposed or disturbed areas and access points within the stream and riparian zone by applying local native and weed free erosion control grass seeds. Locally native wildflower and/or shrub seeds may also be included in the seed mix. Permittee shall mulch restored areas using at least two to four inches of weed-free clean straw or similar biodegradable mulch over the seeded area. Alternately, Permittee may cover seeding with jute netting, coconut fiber blanket, or similar non-synthetic monofilament netting erosion control blanket.

- 2.20.2 Erosion and Sediment Barriers. Permittee shall monitor and maintain all erosion and sediment barriers in good operating condition throughout the work period and the following rainy season, defined herein to mean October 15 through June 15. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, removal of accumulated sediment, replacement of damaged sediment fencing, coir rolls/logs and/or straw bale dikes and ensuring drainage structures and altered streambeds and banks remain sufficiently armored and/or stable. If the sediment barrier fails to retain sediment, Permittee shall employ corrective measures, and notify the department immediately.
- 2.20.3 Cover Spoil Piles. Permittee shall have readily available erosion control materials such as wattles, natural fiber mats, or plastic sheeting, to cover and contain exposed spoil piles and exposed areas in order to prevent sediment from moving into a stream or lake. Permittee shall apply and secure these materials prior to rain events to prevent loose soils from entering a stream, lake, or other Waters of the State.
- 2.20.4 Prohibition on Use of Monofilament Netting. To minimize the risk of ensnaring and strangling wildlife, Permittee shall not use any erosion control materials that contain synthetic (e.g., plastic or nylon) monofilament netting, including photo- or biodegradable plastic netting. Geotextiles, fiber rolls, and other erosion control measures shall be made of loose-weave mesh, such as jute, hemp, coconut (coir) fiber, or other products without welded weaves.
- 2.21 Site Management Plan. If Cannabis is or becomes cultivated on the project parcel, Permittee shall submit to CDFW the initial preparation and subsequent updates to the project's Site Management Plan that is prepared in conformance with the SWRCB Cannabis Cultivation Policy.
- 2.22 Waste Containment and Disposal. Permittee shall contain all operation associated refuse in enclosed, wildlife proof, storage containers, at all times, and relocate refuse to an authorized waste management facility, in compliance with State and local laws, on a regular and ongoing basis. All refuse shall be removed from the site and properly disposed of, at the close of the cultivation season and/or when the parcel is no longer in use.

Water Diversion

- 2.23 Maximum Diversion Rate. The maximum instantaneous diversion rate from the water intake shall not exceed **three (3) gallons per minute (gpm)** at any time.
- 2.24 Bypass Flow. The Permittee shall pass **80% of the flow** at all times to keep all aquatic species including fish and other aquatic life in good condition below the point of diversion.

- 2.25 Seasonal Diversion Minimization. No water shall be diverted during the low flow season from **April 1** **October 31** of each year. Water shall be diverted only if the Permittee can adhere to the maximum diversion rate and bypass flow conditions of this Agreement.
- 2.26 Measurement of Diverted Flow. Permittee shall install and maintain an adequate measuring device for measuring the instantaneous and cumulative rate of diversion. This measurement shall begin as soon as this Agreement is signed by the Permittee. The device shall be installed within the flow of diverted water. The Permittee shall maintain records of diversion, and provide information including, but not limited to the following:
- 2.26.1 A log including the date, time and quantity of water diverted from the POD.
- 2.26.2 The amount of water used per day for cannabis cultivation separated out from the amount of water used for other irrigation purposes and other uses of water (e.g., domestic use or fire protection).
- 2.26.3 Permittee shall make available for review at the request of the Department the diversion records required by the SWRCB Cannabis Cultivation Policy.
- 2.27 Water Management Plan. The Permittee shall submit a Water Management Plan no later than **sixty days** from the time this Agreement is made final that describes how compliance will be achieved under this Agreement. The Water Management Plan shall include details on water use, water storage, water conservation, or other relevant material to maintain water needs in coordination with **seasonal water diversion restrictions** (forbearance) and **bypass flow** requirements. The Water Management Plan shall include a brief narrative describing water use on the property, photographs to support the narrative, and water use calculations to ensure compliance with this Agreement.

Water Diversion Infrastructure

- 2.28 Intake Structure. No polluting materials (e.g., particle board, plastic sheeting, bentonite) shall be used to construct or screen, or cover the diversion intake structure.
- 2.29 Intake Structure Placement. Infrastructure installed in the streambed shall not exceed 10 percent of the active channel width and shall not be located in the deepest portion of the channel. The depth of the intake shall be no greater than one foot (12 inches) below the streambed.
- 2.30 Intake Screening. The Permittee shall regularly inspect, clean, and maintain screens in good condition.
- 2.30.1 The water intake screens shall be securely attached (e.g., threaded or

clamped) to the intake line and have a minimum wetted area of 0.25 square feet.

- 2.30.2 A water intake screen with round openings shall not exceed 3/32-inch diameter; a screen with square openings shall not exceed 3/32-inch measured diagonally; and a screen with slotted openings shall not exceed 0.069 inches in width. Slots must be evenly distributed on the screen area.
- 2.30.3 The water intake screen may be constructed of any rigid material, perforated, woven, or slotted and should have a minimum of 27% open area. Stainless steel or other corrosion-resistant material is recommended to reduce clogging due to corrosion. Care should be taken not to use materials deemed deleterious to aquatic species.
- 2.30.4 The screen shall be designed to distribute the flow uniformly over the entire screen area.
- 2.30.5 The water intake screen shall be placed in fast moving water with the long axis of the screen parallel to the streamflow. The water intake shall not be placed in pool habitat.
- 2.31 Intake Shall Not Impede Aquatic Species Passage. The water diversion structures shall be designed, constructed, and maintained such that they do not constitute a barrier to upstream or downstream movement of aquatic life.
- 2.32 Intake Maintenance. Intakes shall be kept in good repair. Intakes shall be inspected periodically and kept clean and free of accumulated algae, leaves or other debris, which could block portions of the screen surface and increase approach velocities at any point on the screen. No part of screen surfaces shall be obstructed
- 2.33 Exclusionary Devices. Permittee shall keep the diversion structures covered at all times to prevent the entrance and entrapment of amphibians and other wildlife.
- 2.34 Diversion Intake Removal. Permittee shall plug, cap, block (e.g., with a shut-off valve), or remove all intakes at the end of each diversion season.
- 2.35 Heavy Equipment Use. No heavy equipment shall be used in the excavation or replacement of the existing water diversion structure. The Permittee shall use hand tools or other low impact methods of removal/replacement. All project materials and debris shall be removed from the project site and properly disposed of off-site upon project completion.

Diversion to Storage

- 2.36 Water Storage. All water storage facilities (WSFs) (e.g., reservoirs, storage tanks, mix tanks, and bladders tanks) must be located outside the active 100-year floodplain and outside the top of bank of a stream. Covers/lids shall be securely affixed to water tanks at all times to prevent potential entry by wildlife. Permittee shall cease all water diversion at the point of diversion when WSFs are filled to capacity.
- 2.37 Water Storage Maintenance. WSFs shall have a float valve to shut off the diversion when tanks are full to prevent overflow. Water shall not leak, overflow, or overtop WSFs at any time. Permittee shall regularly inspect all WSFs and infrastructure used to divert water to storage and use and repair any leaks.
- 2.38 Water Conservation. The Permittee shall make best efforts to minimize water use, and to follow best practices for water conservation and management.
- 2.39 Limitations on Impoundment and Use of Diverted Water. The Permittee shall impound and use water in accordance with a valid water right, including any limitations on when water may be impounded and used, the purpose for which it may be impounded and used, and the location(s) where water may be impounded and used.
- 2.40 State Water Code. This Agreement does not constitute a valid water right. The Permittee shall comply with State Water Code sections 5100 and 1200 et seq. as appropriate for the water diversion and water storage. The application for this registration is found at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/registrations/.

Stream Crossings

- 2.41 Road Approaches. The Permittee shall treat road approaches to new or reconstructed permanent crossings to minimize erosion and sediment delivery to the watercourse. Permittee shall ensure road approaches are hydrologically disconnected to the maximum extent feasible to prevent sediment from entering the crossing site, including when a Stream Crossing is being constructed or reconstructed. Road approaches shall be armored from the crossing for a minimum of *50 feet in both directions*, or to the nearest effective water bar or point where road drainage does not drain to the crossing, with durable, clean, screened, angular rock.
- 2.42 Excavated Fill. Excavated fill material shall be placed in upland locations where it cannot deliver to a watercourse. To minimize the potential for material to enter the watercourse during the winter period, all excavated and relocated fill material shall be tractor contoured (to drain water) and tractor compacted to effectively incorporate and stabilize loose material into existing road and/or landing features.

2.43 Runoff from Steep Areas. The Permittee shall make preparations so that runoff from steep, erodible surfaces will be diverted into stable areas with little erosion potential or contained behind erosion control structures. Erosion control structures such as straw bales and/or siltation control fencing shall be placed and maintained until the threat of erosion ceases. Frequent water checks shall be placed on dirt roads, cat tracks, or other work trails to control erosion.

2.44 Crossing Maintenance. The Permittee shall provide site maintenance for the life of the structures, including, but not limited to, re-applying erosion control to minimize surface erosion and ensuring drainage structures, streambeds and banks remain sufficiently armored and/or stable.

2.44.1 The placement of armoring shall be confined to the work period when the stream is dry or at its lowest flow

2.44.2 No heavy equipment shall enter the wetted stream channel.

2.44.3 No fill material, other than clean rock, shall be placed in the stream channel.

2.44.4 Rock shall be sized to withstand washout from high stream flows, and extend above the ordinary high water level.

2.44.5 Rock armoring shall not constrict the natural stream channel width and shall be keyed into a footing trench with a depth sufficient to prevent instability.

2.45 Isolation of Work Site. Only when work in a flowing stream is unavoidable (e.g., perennial streams), Permittee shall divert the stream flow around or through the work area during construction operations. Permittee shall adhere to the following conditions:

2.45.1 Stream Diversion. Stream flow shall be diverted using gravity flow through temporary culverts/pipes or pumped around the work site with the use of hoses.

2.45.2 Coffer Dams. Prior to the start of construction, Permittee shall isolate the work area. Cofferdams shall be installed to divert stream flow; isolate and dewater the work site; catch and retain sediment-laden water; and minimize sediment transport downstream. Water tight coffer dams shall be constructed upstream and downstream of the work area and water diverted, through a suitably sized pipe, from upstream of the upstream coffer dam and discharge downstream of the downstream coffer dam. Coffer dams and the stream diversion system shall remain in place and functional throughout the construction period. Coffer dams or stream diversions that fail for any reason shall be repaired immediately. Permittee shall use only clean, non-erodible materials such as sand bags, on-site rock, and/or plastic

sheeting. Mineral soil shall not be used in the construction of cofferdams.

2.45.3 Stranded Aquatic Life. Once coffer dams are installed, a qualified biologist or other qualified professional trained to identify listed species shall check daily for stranded aquatic life as the water level in the dewatering area drops. All reasonable efforts shall be made to capture and move all stranded aquatic life observed in the dewatered areas. Capture methods may include fish landing nets, dip nets, buckets and by hand. Captured aquatic life shall be released immediately in the closest suitable aquatic habitat adjacent to the work site. This condition does not allow for the take or disturbance of any State or federally listed species, or State listed species of special concern. The Department staff who prepared this agreement shall be contacted immediately if any of these species are detected.

2.45.4 Dewatering. Permittee shall catch and retain sediment-laden water and minimize sediment transport downstream. Flowing water shall be cleanly bypassed and/or prevented from entering the work area through pumping or gravity flow, and cleanly returned to the stream below the work area. Permittee shall divert stream flow around the work site in a manner that minimizes turbidity, siltation, and pollution, and does not result in erosion or scour downstream of the diversion.

2.45.5 Remove any Materials upon Completion. Permittee shall remove any turbid water and sediment present in the work area prior to restoring water flow through the project site, and place them in a location where they cannot enter the Waters of the State. Permittee shall remove all materials used for the temporary stream flow bypass after the Authorized Activity is completed.

2.45.6 Restore Normal Flows. Permittee shall restore normal flows to the effected stream immediately upon completion of work at that location.

2.46 Culvert Installation.

2.46.1 Permanent culverts shall be sized to accommodate the estimated 100-year flood flow [i.e. ≥ 1.0 times the width of the bankfull channel width or the 100-year flood size, whichever is greater], including debris, culvert embedding, and sediment loads.

2.46.1 Where diversion potential exists, a critical dip shall be installed to direct flood flow over the crossing fill and back into the channel. Critical dips shall be constructed to accommodate the entire estimated 100-year flood flow and may be installed by lowering the existing fill over the crossing or by constructing a deep, broad rolling dip over the crossing surface to prevent flood flow from diverting down the road.

2.46.2 If the project is located in a high to very high Fire Hazard Severity Zone as designated by CAL FIRE, CDFW recommends culvert materials consist of corrugated metal pipe (CMP). Use of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe is discouraged.

http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/fire_prevention_wildland_zones_maps

2.46.3 Existing fill material in the crossing shall be excavated down vertically to the approximate original channel and outwards horizontally to the approximate crossing hinge points (transition between naturally occurring soil and remnant temporary crossing fill material) to remove any potential unstable debris and voids in the older fill prism.

2.46.4 Culvert shall be installed to grade (not perched or suspended), aligned with the natural stream channel, and extend lengthwise completely beyond the toe of fill. If culvert cannot be set to grade, it shall be oriented in the lower third of the fill face, and a downspout or energy dissipator (such as boulders, rip-rap, or rocks) shall be installed above or below the outfall as needed to effectively control stream bed, channel, or bank erosion (scouring, headcutting, or downcutting). The Permittee shall ensure basins are not constructed and channels are not be widened at culvert inlets.

2.46.5 Culvert bed shall be composed of either compacted rock-free soil or crushed gravel. Bedding beneath the culvert shall provide for even distribution of the load over the length of the pipe, and allow for natural settling and compaction to help the pipe settle into a straight profile. The crossing backfill materials shall be free of rocks, limbs, or other debris that could allow water to seep around the pipe, and shall be compacted.

2.46.6 Culvert inlet, outlet (including the outfall area), and fill faces shall be armored where stream flow, road runoff, or rainfall energy is likely to erode fill material and the outfall area.

2.46.7 Project Inspection. The Project shall be inspected by Timberland Resource Consultants or a licensed professional to ensure that the stream crossings were installed as designed. A copy of the inspection report, including photographs of each site, shall be submitted to CDFW within 90 days of completion of this project.

3. Reporting Measures

Permittee shall meet each reporting requirement described below.

3.1 CDFW Notification of Work Initiation. The Permittee shall contact CDFW within the seven-day period **preceding the beginning of work** permitted by this Agreement.

Information to be disclosed shall include Agreement number, and the anticipated start date.

- 3.1.1 Prior to commencing work, Permittee shall provide to CDFW for review preconstruction FYLF survey notes and observations.
- 3.2 **Work Completion.** The proposed work shall be completed by no later than **October 15, 2021**. Failure to complete work by this date may result in suspension or revocation of this Agreement. **Notification of completion will include photographs of the completed work, erosion control measures, waste containment and disposal, and a summary of any CNDDDB submissions** and shall be submitted to CDFW, LSA program at 619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501 **within seven (7) days** of project completion.
- 3.3 **Project Inspection.** The Project shall be inspected by Timberland Resource Consultants or a licensed professional to ensure that the stream crossings were installed as designed. A copy of the inspection report, including photographs of each site, shall be submitted to CDFW within 90 days of completion of this project. The Permittee shall submit the **Project Inspection Report** to CDFW, LSA Program at 619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501
- 3.4 **Measurement of Diverted Flow.** Copies of the **Water Diversion Records** shall be submitted to CDFW, LSA Program at 619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501 no later than **December 31** of each year beginning in **2019**.
- 3.5 **Water Management Plan.** The Permittee shall submit a **Water Management Plan** within **60 days** from the effective date of this agreement. The Water Management Plan shall be submitted to CDFW, LSA Program at 619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501.
- 3.6 **Site Management Plan.** The Permittee shall submit to CDFW the project's **current draft** of the Site Management Plan if it was not included in the Notification. If the Site Management Plan is still in preparation, Permittee shall submit it and all **subsequent revisions and updates** within 30 days of submittal to the SWRCB.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any communication that Permittee or CDFW submits to the other shall be in writing and any communication or documentation shall be delivered to the address below by U.S. mail, fax, or email, or to such other address as Permittee or CDFW specifies by written notice to the other.

To Permittee:

David Kaufman
248 3rd Street
Oakland, CA, 94607

916-397-5242
humboldtbearcreek@gmail.com

To CDFW:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Lake and Streambed Alteration Program – Greg O'Connell
Notification #1600-2019-0133-R1
619 Second Street
Eureka, California 95501

LIABILITY

Permittee shall be solely liable for any violation of the Agreement, whether committed by the Permittee or any person acting on behalf of the Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents or contractors and subcontractors, to complete the project or any activity related to it that the Agreement authorizes.

This Agreement does not constitute CDFW's endorsement of, or require the Permittee to proceed with the project. The decision to proceed with the project is the Permittee's alone.

SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

CDFW may suspend or revoke in its entirety this Agreement if it determines that the Permittee or any person acting on behalf of the Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents, or contractors and subcontractors, is not in compliance with the Agreement.

Before CDFW suspends or revokes the Agreement, it shall provide the Permittee written notice by certified or registered mail that it intends to suspend or revoke. The notice shall state the reason(s) for the proposed suspension or revocation, provide the Permittee an opportunity to correct any deficiency before CDFW suspends or revokes the Agreement, and include instructions to the Permittee, if necessary, including but not limited to a directive to immediately cease the specific activity or activities that caused CDFW to issue the notice.

ENFORCEMENT

Nothing in the Agreement precludes CDFW from pursuing an enforcement action against the Permittee instead of, or in addition to, suspending or revoking the Agreement.

Nothing in the Agreement limits or otherwise affects CDFW's enforcement authority or that of its enforcement personnel.

OTHER LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

This Agreement does not relieve Permittee or any person acting on behalf of Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents, or contractors and subcontractors, from complying with, or obtaining any other permits or authorizations that might be required under, other federal, state, or local laws or regulations before beginning the project or an activity related to it. For example, if the project causes take of a species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), such take will be unlawful under the ESA absent a permit or other form of authorization from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service.

This Agreement does not relieve Permittee or any person acting on behalf of Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents, or contractors and subcontractors, from complying with other applicable statutes in the Fish and Game Code including, but not limited to, Fish and Game Code sections 2050 *et seq.* (threatened and endangered species), section 3503 (bird nests and eggs), section 3503.5 (birds of prey), section 5650 (water pollution), section 5652 (refuse disposal into water), section 5901 (fish passage), section 5937 (sufficient water for fish), and section 5948 (obstruction of stream).

Nothing in the Agreement authorizes the Permittee or any person acting on behalf of the Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents, or contractors and subcontractors, to trespass.

AMENDMENT

CDFW may amend the Agreement at any time during its term if CDFW determines the amendment is necessary to protect an existing fish or wildlife resource.

The Permittee may amend the Agreement at any time during its term, provided the amendment is mutually agreed to in writing by CDFW and the Permittee. To request an amendment, the Permittee shall submit to CDFW a completed CDFW "Request to Amend Lake or Streambed Alteration" form and include with the completed form payment of the corresponding amendment fee identified in CDFW's current fee schedule (see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 699.5).

TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement may not be transferred or assigned to another entity, and any purported transfer or assignment of the Agreement to another entity shall not be valid or effective, unless the transfer or assignment is requested by the Permittee in writing, as specified below, and thereafter CDFW approves the transfer or assignment in writing.

The transfer or assignment of the Agreement to another entity shall constitute a minor amendment, and therefore to request a transfer or assignment, the Permittee shall submit to CDFW a completed CDFW "Request to Amend Lake or Streambed Alteration" form and include with the completed form payment of the minor amendment fee identified in CDFW's current fee schedule (see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 699.5).

EXTENSIONS

In accordance with Fish and Game Code section 1605, subdivision (b), Permittee may request one extension of the Agreement, provided the request is made prior to the expiration of the Agreement's term. To request an extension, Permittee shall submit to CDFW a completed CDFW "Request to Extend Lake or Streambed Alteration" form and include with the completed form payment of the extension fee identified in CDFW's current fee schedule (see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 699.5). CDFW shall process the extension request in accordance with Fish and Game Code section 1605, subdivisions (b) through (e).

If Permittee fails to submit a request to extend the Agreement prior to its expiration, Permittee must submit a new notification and notification fee before beginning or continuing the project the Agreement covers (Fish & G. Code section 1605, subd. (f)).

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Agreement becomes effective on the date of CDFW's signature, which shall be: 1) after the Permittee signature; 2) after CDFW complies with all applicable requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and 3) after payment of the applicable FGC section 711.4 filing fee listed at http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/habcon/ceqa/ceqa_changes.html.

TERM

This Agreement shall **expire five years** from date of execution, unless it is terminated or extended before then. All provisions in the Agreement shall remain in force throughout its term. The Permittee shall remain responsible for implementing any provisions specified herein to protect fish and wildlife resources after the Agreement expires or is terminated, as Fish and Game Code section 1605, subdivision (a)(2) requires.

AUTHORITY

If the person signing the Agreement (signatory) is doing so as a representative of Permittee, the signatory hereby acknowledges that he or she is doing so on Permittee's behalf and represents and warrants that he or she has the authority to legally bind Permittee to the provisions herein.

AUTHORIZATION

This Agreement authorizes only the project described herein. If Permittee begins or completes a project different from the project the Agreement authorizes, Permittee may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution for failing to notify CDFW in accordance with Fish and Game Code section 1602.

CONCURRENCE

The undersigned accepts and agrees to comply with all provisions contained herein.

FOR DAVID KAUFMAN

David Kaufman

Date

FOR DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Cheri Sanville
Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date