

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
REGION 1 – NORTHERN REGION  
619 Second Street  
Eureka, CA 95501



**STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT**  
NOTIFICATION NO. 1600-2016-0482-R1  
Unnamed Tributary to Larabee Creek, Tributary to the Eel River and the Pacific Ocean

Ms. Tonya Smith  
Smith Water Diversion, Culverts, and Pond Project  
5 Encroachments

This Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) is entered into between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Ms. Tonya Smith (Permittee).

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1602, the Permittee initially notified CDFW on September 29, 2016, 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 accept 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 Larabee Creek watershed, approximately 0.5 miles north northwest of the town of Blocksburg, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 20, T2S, R5E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Blocksburg U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 217-271-05; latitude 40.2823 N and longitude 123.6395 W.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project is limited to 5 encroachments (Table 1). One encroachment is for water diversion from an Unnamed Tributary to Larabee Creek. Water is diverted from shallow ground water for domestic use. Work will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. Three encroachments are to replace undersized culverts. Work

for these encroachments will include excavation, culvert removal, culvert installation, backfilling, compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. The last encroachment is removal of an instream pond. Work for this encroachment will include excavation of impoundment and restoration of watercourse and adjacent topography.

Table 1. Project encroachments with description.

| ID         | Latitude/Longitude | Description                                                                |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| POD        | 40.2823, -123.6395 | Water diversion from off channel shallow ground water spring box.          |
| Crossing-1 | 40.2792, -123.6402 | Replace undersized 18" diameter culvert with minimum 30" diameter culvert. |
| Crossing-2 | 40.2823, -123.6406 | Replace undersized 12" diameter culvert with minimum 18" diameter culvert. |
| Crossing-3 | 40.2829, -123.6403 | Replace undersized 18" diameter culvert with minimum 36" diameter culvert. |
| Pond       | 40.2822, -123.6410 | Remove on-stream pond and restore watercourse.                             |

## PROJECT IMPACTS

Existing fish or wildlife resources the project could substantially adversely affect include: Southern Torrent Salamander (*Rhyacotriton variegatus*), Coastal Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus truei*), Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Coho Salmon (*O. kisutch*), Steelhead Trout (*O. mykiss*), Coastal Cutthroat Trout (*O. clarki*), Northern Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora*), Foothill Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana boylei*), 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 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.
- 1.4 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 that the bypass flows and diversion rates 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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.

registration is found at:  
[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/publications/forms/forms/docs/sdu\\_registration.pdf](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/publications/forms/forms/docs/sdu_registration.pdf).

- 2.10 Work Period. All work, not including water diversion, shall be confined to the period **June 15 through October 1 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. Work associated with the pond removal shall be completed by October 1, 2017.
- 2.11 Extension of the Work Period. If weather conditions permit, and the Permittee wishes to extend the work period after October 1, a written request shall be made to CDFW at least 5-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 1.
- 2.12 Stream Protection. No debris, soil, silt, sand, bark, slash, sawdust, rubbish, cement or concrete washings, oil or petroleum products, or other deleterious material from project activities shall be allowed to enter into or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall or runoff into the stream. All project materials and debris shall be removed from the project site and properly disposed of off-site upon project completion.
- 2.13 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.
- 2.14 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.
- 2.15 Excavated Fill. Excavated fill material shall be placed in locations where it cannot deliver to a watercourse (i.e., stable upland location). 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.

2.16 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.

2.17 Culvert Installation.

2.17.1 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.

2.17.2 Culvert shall be installed to grade, 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).

2.17.3 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.

2.17.4 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.

2.17.5 Permanent culverts shall be sized to accommodate the estimated 100-year flood flow [i.e.  $\geq 1.5$  times the width of the active (bankfull) channel width or the 100-year flood size, whichever is greater], including debris, culvert embedding, and sediment loads.

2.18 Rock Armor Placement.

2.18.1 No heavy equipment shall enter the wetted stream channel.

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

- 2.18.3 Rock shall be sized to withstand washout from high stream flows, and extend above the ordinary high water level.
- 2.18.4 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.
- 2.19 If necessary, appropriately spaced grade control shall be installed in restored watercourse to prevent headcutting.
- 2.20 Project Inspection. The Project shall be inspected by Timberland Resource Consulting or a licensed engineer 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

- 3.1 Measurement of Diverted Flow. Copies of the **water diversion records (condition 2.4)** shall be submitted to CDFW at 619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501 **no later than December 31 of each year beginning in 2017**.
- 3.2 Project Inspection. The Permittee shall submit the **Project Inspection Report** (condition 2.20) to CDFW, LSA Program at 619 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Written communication that the Permittee or CDFW submits to the other shall be delivered to the address below unless the Permittee or CDFW specifies otherwise.

To Permittee:

Ms. Tonya Smith  
28306 Alderpoint Road  
Blocksburg, California 95514  
415-269-2833

To CDFW:

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Northern Region  
619 Second Street  
Eureka, California 95501  
Attn: Lake and Streambed Alteration Program  
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## **LIABILITY**

The 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 the Permittee or any person acting on behalf of the Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents, or contractors and subcontractors, from 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.

This Agreement does not relieve the Permittee or any person acting on behalf of the Permittee, including its officers, employees, representatives, agents, or contractors and

subcontractors, from complying with other applicable statutes in the FGC including, but not limited to, FGC sections 2050 *et seq.* (threatened and endangered species), 3503 (bird nests and eggs), 3503.5 (birds of prey), 5650 (water pollution), 5652 (refuse disposal into water), 5901 (fish passage), 5937 (sufficient water for fish), and 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, § 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, § 699.5).

### **EXTENSIONS**

In accordance with FGC section 1605(b), the 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, the 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, § 699.5). CDFW shall process the extension request in accordance with FGC 1605(b) through (e).

If the Permittee fails to submit a request to extend the Agreement prior to its expiration, the Permittee must submit a new notification and notification fee before beginning or continuing the project the Agreement covers (FGC section 1605(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](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 FGC section 1605(a)(2) requires.

## **AUTHORITY**

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

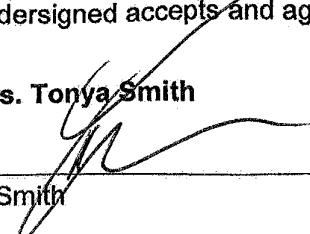
## **AUTHORIZATION**

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

**CONCURRENCE**

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

**FOR Ms. Tonya Smith**

  
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Tonya Smith

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Date

**FOR DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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Scott Bauer  
Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

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Date