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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

**Project Title:** Shults Stream Crossings (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0834-R1) **Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 7 miles south west of the city of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 6, T13N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Elledge Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel 047-010-46; latitude 39.016807 N and longitude 123.220581 W.

**Project Description:** The project is limited to 3 encroachments. The three proposed encroachments are to upgrade or remove failing and undersized culverts. 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.

The Notification also discloses the use of two wells. Well 1 is located at Lat/Long 39.015337, -123.220121 and Well 2 is located at 39.017558, -123.221996. These wells are presented as the sole source of water for all needs on the property. CDFW did not fully evaluate hydraulic connection of the wells to surface water, nor was a hydrogeologic evaluation prepared by a licensed geologist provided for CDFW review. The information in the well completion report suggests there is a high potential for hydraulic connection at Well 2 as it is located in very close proximity to a stream, begins drawing water at 20 feet and the static water level is at 5 feet. Additional site-specific data and analysis by a licensed professional is necessary to make a determination. The Permittee is encouraged to develop adequate on-site storage in the event water is not available during the low flow season.

The map provided with the Notification indicates the locations of two springs. The Notification indicates there is no diversion related infrastructure present, no diversion has occurred, and the Permittee does not plan to use water from either spring for any purpose.

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 above.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as  $\square$  the Lead Agency /  $\boxtimes$  a Responsible Agency approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
- 2. A ☒ mitigated negative declaration / ☐ negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
  - CDFW considered the  $\boxtimes$  mitigated negative declaration /  $\square$  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was / ☒ was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081, subdivision (a).



The $\boxtimes$ mitigated negative declaration / $\square$ negative declaration prepared f at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record rela Agreement is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.	
Signature Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor	Date: 11/14/19
Date Received for filing at OPR:	

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