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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Mastel Water Diversion and Stream Crossing Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0322-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 10 miles east of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 10, T18N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Foster Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The project is limited to six (6) encroachments. Two (2) encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Salmon Creek. Water is diverted for hydroelectric generation. One (1) encroachment is for repair of hydroelectric generation infrastructure installed on a stream bank. Activities will include operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure, and any work necessary to bring the existing diversion and associated infrastructure into compliance with this Agreement.

The three (3) other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing or undersized culverts on existing roads, and the outlet on an existing pond. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency / 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 mitigated negative declaration / 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 mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record related to the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature Scott Bauer Date: 2/28/2020

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