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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Leeds Valflores Stream Crossing Replacement & Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-04193-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Albion River watershed, approximately 0.7 miles north of the town of Comptche, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 1, T16N, R16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Comptche U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 125-040-56; latitude 39.2737 N and longitude 123.5935 W at the first stream crossing (SC1).

Project Description: This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site inspection by Environmental Scientist John Herrera on July 25, 2019.

The project is limited to two encroachment(s) (Table 1). One proposed encroachment is to replace an improperly installed and undersized stream crossing with an armored ford crossing and the other encroachment is to perform maintenance on an existing crossing. Work for the replacement encroachment will include excavation, removal of the improperly installed crossing, further excavation for keyways to reshape the channel, placement of small rock filter layer, compaction of fill, placement of properly sized rock in the keyway and channel, rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion, and employment of the revegetation plan submitted with the Notification along with revisions to the plan. Maintenance work for the other encroachment will involve vegetation removal to clear the inlet and outlet, removal of sediment from within the culvert and at inlet and outlet, placement of seed and mulch for erosion control, and additional rock armoring as necessary.

The Permittee disclosed additional features of interest that are not covered by this Agreement (Table 2).

The Notification states the features in Table 2 are in good condition and meeting current performance standards. Currently, the existing ditch relief culverts (DRCs) are not stream crossings and do not need to be covered by an Agreement. The existing DRCs could start functioning as stream crossings if the associated catchment basin is modified and surface flow becomes connected to the nearby stream. If the catchment basin becomes permanently connected to the nearby stream and maintenance (such as armoring) and/or replacement become necessary, that work must be covered by a major amendment or a separate Notification.


The Notification also discloses the use of a well located at Lat/Long 39.2734, -123.5929. This well is presented as the sole source of water for all needs on the property. CDFW did not evaluate hydraulic connection of the well to surface water, nor was a hydrogeologic evaluation prepared by a licensed geologist provided for CDFW review.

No other projects that may be subject to FGC section 1602 were disclosed. This Agreement does not retroactively permit any constructed reservoirs (including "ponds"), stream crossings, water diversions, modifications to riparian buffers, or other encroachments not described in Table 1.

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  _____ Date: 5/19/2020
Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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