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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Medrano Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-02445-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 8.4 miles northeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 20, T11W, R23N, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Newhouse Ridge U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Mendocino County Assessor's Parcel Number 032-180-42; latitude 39.8416 N and longitude 123.1091 W at the stream crossing.

Project Description: The project is limited to one encroachment (Table 1). The proposed encroachment is to upgrade a failing and undersized stream crossing. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the failing crossing, replacement with new properly sized crossing, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Work shall not commence until CDFW has reviewed and approved stream crossing design plans as stated in Sections 2.27 and 3.1 of this Agreement.

The Permittee has disclosed a water well located at approximately 39.8417, -123.1093. The well's potential for hydraulic connectivity to streams was not addressed in the Notification by a professional hydrogeologist licensed in the state of California and the Department has not evaluated this well. No other projects that may be subject to FGC 1602 were disclosed. This Agreement does not retroactively permit any stream crossings, water diversions 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:

Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____