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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Liese Stream Crossing Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-02988-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Mill Creek watershed, approximately 3.1 miles southeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 20, T22N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Covelo East U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 034-270-49; latitude 39.7533 N and longitude 123.2202 W at the first stream crossing (Crossing 1).

Project Description: This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a desk review without a CDFW site inspection.

The project is limited to one encroachment (Table 1). The single proposed encroachment is for maintenance of an existing stream crossing. The maintenance work shall be prescribed and implemented by a qualified licensed professional in order to address impacts from a hydrologically connected inboard ditch and to reduce and minimize ongoing erosion immediately downstream of the stream crossing. In addition to maintenance activities prescribed by a qualified licensed professional, work for this encroachment will include regular clearing of debris and sediment from the inlet and outlet to allow for unimpeded flow through the culvert. Further, all small gravels placed recently within the stream channel at the inlet and outlet of the culvert shall be fully removed. Permittee shall provide photographs of the channel after all gravels are removed. Based on the age and condition of the culvert, the Permittee shall work with CDFW to develop a plan to replace the culvert at Crossing 1. The replacement work must be covered by a major amendment to this Agreement or a separate Notification.

The Notification also discloses the use of a well located at 39.7529, -123.2201. 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: _____

Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____