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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2016112028

**Project Title:** Maldonado Hill Farms Stream Crossings Project. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-12435-R1C

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 5.6 miles northeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 23, T 23N, R 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Covelo East U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 032-170-53; latitude 39.8359 N and longitude 123.1581 W at the first stream crossing (STX-1).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-12435-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Rebecca Maldonado.

The project is limited to two encroachments. The two proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Both crossings will have a 9-foot long by 6-foot-wide rock apron installed below the outlets. Woody debris in the stream channel above STX-1 that has the potential to block the culvert inlet shall be removed.

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.

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