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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2016112028

**Project Title:** Edwards On-stream Pond Maintenance Project. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-07811-R1C

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 1.7 miles northeast of the town of Redwood Valley, County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 3, T 16N, R 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Redwood Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 161-280-18; latitude 39.2780 N and longitude 123.1778 W at the on-stream pond.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-07811-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to William Edwards.

The project is limited to one encroachment (Table 1). The encroachment is for maintenance and continued operation of an existing on-stream pond and associated dam located on an unnamed tributary to the Russian River. The dam impounds stream flow, however water is not diverted from the pond for consumptive use. Permittee states water is impounded for aesthetic use and wildlife habitat. The proposed work includes regular maintenance of the 24-inch diameter spillway culvert to keep it clear of obstructions, and maintenance of the pond inlet to prevent water being diverted out of or around the pond. This Agreement does not authorize diversion of water from the pond for consumptive use, nor does it retroactively permit the creation of the dam or the on-stream pond.

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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