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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2016112028

**Project Title:** Jameson Stream Crossings, Stream Crossings Decommissioning, and Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-21151-R1C)

**Project Location:** The project is located within the Elder Creek watershed, approximately 7 miles west of the town of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 02, T21N, R16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Cahto Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 013-670-64-00; latitude 39.6990 N and longitude 123.6161 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The project is limited to nineteen (19) encroachments. One (1) encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek. Water is diverted for irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use installation of water diversion infrastructure that complies with the terms in this Agreement and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. Six (6) other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. The final twelve (12) encroachments are for the decommissioning of legacy stream crossings. Work for the decommissioning includes excavation and establishment of appropriately sized channel bottoms and side slopes as required.

**Determination:** 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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