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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2016112028

**Project Title:** Steffen Water Diversion and Stream Crossing Project, Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-03485-R1C

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Ten Mile River watershed, approximately 14.2 miles northwest of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Sections 22 and 28, T20N, R15W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Sherwood Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 015-420-07 at the place of use (POU) and 015-420-30 at the point of diversion (POD); latitude 39.5655 N and longitude 123.5201 W at the POD.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-03485-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Tamara Steffen.

The project is limited to two encroachments (Table 1). One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Middle Fork Ten Mile River. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the existing water diversion infrastructure. This diversion is one of nine active diversions from a single spring connected to a water distribution system that has been divided to deliver equal flow to up to twelve different nearby locations for domestic use and commercial irrigation. CDFW anticipates the use of this POD will eventually be regulated under a single Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement submitted by the owner of the water diversion.

The other 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.

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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