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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Casarotti Stream Crossings and Pond Spillway Project, Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-29250-R1C

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 2 miles west of the town of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 23, T18N, R14W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Burbeck U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 038-130-46 and 037-180-87; latitude 39.40268 N and longitude 123.38723 W at the first stream crossing (SC-1).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-29250-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Richard Casarotti.

The project is limited to three (3) encroachments (Table 1). Two encroachments (SC-1 and SC-2) are to upgrade existing 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. Encroachment 3 is for an existing off-stream pond (Pond 1) which overflows to an unnamed tributary to Broaddus Creek. Water is diverted from Pond 1 for cannabis irrigation.

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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Date: 8/26/2022

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____