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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Wheeler Stream Crossing Project or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-24016-R1C

Project Location: Russian River watershed, approximately 1.6 miles northwest of the town of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 13, T15N, R13W, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Ukiah U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 156-190-04; latitude 39.1575 N and longitude -123.2387 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-24016-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Venus Wheeler.

The project is limited to 1 encroachment to upgrade an existing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

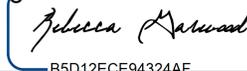
Permittee disclosed two other stream crossings – one that requires no maintenance (STX-2), and one that will consist of road improvement work and will reduce erosion down the out-board edge of the road (STX-3). Please note that while STX-3 is not a project at this time, it will be subject to Notification if the culvert requires replacement at a future time.

The permittee also disclosed a well as a water source for cannabis irrigation, located at 39.15724, -123.24010.

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.

Signature 
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Date: 9/16/2022

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

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