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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Ahola Stream Crossings Project or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-29078-R1C

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 4.7 miles northeast of the town of Piercy, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 22, T05S, R04E, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Harris U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 011-410-02-01; latitude 40.0016 N and longitude 123.71112 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-29078-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mike Ahola. This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site inspection on May 5, 2022. The project is limited to three (3) encroachments (see Table 1). Encroachments 1 and 2 are for culvert replacement (SC-1) and culvert installation (SC-2). Work for SC-1 and SC-2 will include excavation, removal of one existing culvert, placement of new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Encroachment 3 (SC-3) is for improvement of road drainage. The encroachment at SC-3 is to allow hydrologic connectivity of the wetland through the road crossing by installing Caltrans Class II aggregate base consistent with the surrounding grade that allows the flow of run-off and eliminates ponding of water on the road. Additionally, rock armoring will be installed at the nick point of the incised stream below the road to prevent head-cutting in the stream. The permittee also disclosed the use of a groundwater well located at 40.0025, -123.7118 as a source for cannabis irrigation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [] the Lead Agency / [X] 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 [X] mitigated negative declaration / [] negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
CDFW considered the [X] 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 [X] were / [] were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [] was / [X] 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 [X] 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: Rebecca Garwood
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Date: 2/2/2023

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____