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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 201612028

**Project Title:** Firestone Stream Crossings, Pond Outlet and Remediation Project, Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-28448-R1C

**Project Location:** Unnamed tributaries to the East Branch South Fork Eel River, approximately approximately 5.50 miles east of Piercy, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 35, Township 5S, Range 4E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Noble Butte U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 011-430-54-00; latitude and longitude 39.97677N, 123.69162W; 39.97440N, 123.69369W; 39.97630N, 123.69026W; N39.97585, 123.69256W; N39.97532, 123.6939W; 39.97635N, 123.69103W; and 39.97624N, 123.69093W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-28448-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Alice Firestone.

The project is limited to seven (7) encroachments: repair and maintenance of two (2) pond outlets, culvert replacement or upgrades at three (3) stream crossings, installation of one (1) seasonal (armored fill) crossing, and one (1) remediation site consisting of removal of discarded debris from the stream.

Repair and maintenance of the Upper Rain Catchment Pond (encroachment 1) and Lower Rain Catchment Pond (encroachment 2) will include removal of debris associated with overflow infrastructure, spillway and channel stabilization with appropriately sized rock, and routine maintenance of the overflow channel to the hydrologically connected watercourses below.

Upgrade and repair of the stream crossings (encroachments 3-5) will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, appropriate installation of new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Installation of the rock armored fill crossing (encroachment 6) will include excavation, rock armoring, and bank stabilization as necessary. Vehicles shall not be operated on the rock armored fill crossing when surface water is present.

The stream remediation work (encroachment 7) will include the removal of discarded growing medium, and revegetation of the impacted remediation area with native plants per the Stream Restoration and Revegetation Plan to be prepared and submitted in compliance with this Agreement.

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*  *Date:* 8/21/2023

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_