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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Speckman Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0632-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Russian River watershed, approximately 1.8 miles east of the town of Redwood Valley, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 10, T16N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Redwood Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Mendocino County Assessor's Parcel Number 166-110-43; latitude 39.2605 N and longitude 123.1702 W at the point of diversion.

Project Description: The project is limited to three encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Salt Hollow Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The two other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

The Notification also discloses additional features of interest. An off-stream pond was excavated in 2018 that will be filled with rainwater and water from the POD as needed. Water from the reservoir will be used to irrigate cannabis. The spillway has not yet been constructed as of 4/18/19 and the Permittee has been told that overflow water should not enter nearby waters of the state. The Notification discloses the use of a well for cannabis irrigation. CDFW did not evaluate hydraulic connection of the well to surface water, nor was a hydrogeologic evaluation prepared by a licensed geologist provided for CDFW review.

During an inspection of the property on 1/29/19, a ditch relief culvert (DRC) on the main driveway was found to have created an erosion gully beneath the outlet and an eroded channel that was hydrologically connected to the stream below. The Permittee plans to remove this culvert and disconnect flow from the eroded channel by adding more DRCs along the driveway that do not concentrate water into the artificially formed channel. During the inspection a recently constructed road that provided access to the pond excavation site was found to be contributing erosion and potential sediment input into heads of two separate streams. Additional erosion control measures shall be put into place on the road as part of the road's eventual decommissioning to prevent further sediment input.

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 _____
Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date

4/29/19

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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