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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018024001

Project Title: Lower Mattole River and Estuary Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-19287-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately three (3) miles southwest of the town of Petrolia, County of Humboldt, State of California; latitude 40.2909 N and longitude 124.3309 W at the site of the proposed temporary wet-crossing.

Project Description: The project is limited to two (2) encroachments for riparian enhancement activities. The proposed project is part of a larger 10-year restoration effort that is being undertaken by the Mattole Salmon Group, Mattole Restoration Council, BLM, CDFW, SCC, DWR, NFWF, USFWS, and private landowners to enhance riparian and salmonid habitat in the lower two miles of the Mattole River. The goal of this coordinated effort is to restore ecosystem processes to the estuary and lower river, while enhancing habitat for fish and wildlife species and road related sediment issues. This will be done through installation of 400 trees and 12,000 ft. of willow baffles on floodplains and road related bank failure sites. Trees will be sourced from the Prosper Ridge Prairie Restoration Project which is permitted under BLM Arcata Field Office. The placement of large wood and willow baffles on floodplains and eroding terrace margins will provide bank protection along Lighthouse Road, facilitate stable island formation, multiple channel formation (anabranching), scour (where appropriate), and protect existing riparian woodlands. One temporary wet-crossing will be constructed to facilitate access.

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 negative declaration / mitigated negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
CDFW considered the negative declaration / mitigated 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 negative declaration / mitigated 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: 7/13/2023

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