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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017042022

Project Title: Conklin Creek Farms Drainage Maintenance and Riparian Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-15289-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 1 ¼ miles southeast of the town of Petrolia, County of Humboldt, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 105-111-001 and 105-042-002.

Project Description: The project is limited to three encroachments. One encroachment aims to maintain approximately 1200 feet of legacy drainage channel associated with the stream network to mitigate reduction in channel flow capacity caused by vegetation and sedimentation. Maintenance activities include removal of vegetative material and sediment deposits from the drainage ditch channel and channel reshaping. Maintenance shall be confined to the period from September 1 and October 15 in any given year. Excavation and channel maintenance shall occur when the channel is dry; if water is present in the channel, Permittee shall prepare a dewatering plan and contact CDFW prior to conducting work. The second encroachment shall involve the establishment of a riparian buffer along the channel comprising a natural assemblage and mimicking the structure of the riparian vegetation found downstream. The goals of establishing an adequate riparian buffer include enhancing habitat and ecological function, shading the channel, and plant uptake of nitrogen – achieving these goals is expected to reduce future need for mechanical channel maintenance.

The third encroachment is for the use and maintenance of the following crossings: an existing 34-inch diameter culvert (located at approximately 40.31514, -124.26862); an existing 34-inch diameter culvert (located at approximately 40.31501, -124.26927); an existing 34-inch diameter culvert (located at approximately 40.31559 -124.27082). The Notification states these stream crossings are in good condition and meeting current performance standards.

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. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. CDFW considered the Environmental Impact Report 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 Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature

Date:

Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____