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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017042022

Project Title: Etherton Water Diversions and Riparian Planting Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-45514-R1C)

Project Location: The project is located approximately 4.29 miles northwest of the town of Honeydew, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 33, T2S, R1W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Buckeye Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 107-241-017; latitude 40.25449 N and longitude 124.18309 W at the parcel centroid.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-HUM-45514-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Richard Etherton. The project consists of three (3) encroachment(s): Two encroachments are for water diversion within the Saunders Creek watershed, one for domestic use and one for irrigation. Work for the water diversions will include modification, use, and maintenance of water diversion infrastructure. The other encroachment is for tree planting in the riparian zone following unauthorized tree removal. Work for this encroachment will include planting a minimum of 19 Douglas fir trees in designated areas within the riparian zone/County Streamside Management Area setback.

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.

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Signature Scott Bauer Date: 5/14/2024
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Scott Bauer, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____