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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2017042022

**Project Title:** Smith Water Diversion and Stream Crossing Projects (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-13609-R1C)

**Project Location:** The Project to be completed is located within the Trinity River watershed, approximately 2.8 miles northwest of the town of Willow Creek, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 18, T7N, R5E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Willow Creek U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 522-115-002-000; latitude 40.9776 N and longitude 123.6654 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The Project is limited to two encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Kirkham Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use only. Work for the water diversion will include use, retrofit/replacement of the diversion infrastructure, and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The one other proposed encroachment is to upgrade an existing culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

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.

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