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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2012052019

**Project Title:** Caltrans Eel River TMDL Mitigation, Eel River Ranch Road Project. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-35868-R1C

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Middle Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 4.8 miles southeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Sections 22 & 27, T 22N, R 12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Jamison Ridge U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 034-141-05-05, 034-300-14, and 034-300-39; latitude 39.7378 N and longitude 123.1735 W at the first stream crossing (SC #1).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-35868-R1C, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Joseph Scriven, representing Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

The project is limited to seven (7) encroachments. Six proposed encroachments are to upgrade existing culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

One encroachment is to install new stream crossing culvert and re-establish a diverted stream channel close to its original flow path. The re-established stream channel will be excavated from the toe of the hillside upstream of the crossing to the new culvert inlet with 2:1 streambank slopes. The new channel will also be excavated through the area where the new culvert will be placed. Work for this encroachment will include excavation to define the stream channel, placement of new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

For all seven crossings, the fillslopes will be built at stable fill angles and steeper fillslopes will receive rock slope protection to mitigate surface erosion. Erosion control treatments (rock slope protection, mulch, and native seed) will be applied to areas of bare soil but are not proposed for the active stream channel. Each crossing will also include 3-5 feet of culvert barrel extension below the base of the outboard fillslope.

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.

*Rebecca Garwood*  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/30/2023

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_