



Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Vista Timber Harvest Plan 1-20-00003 SON "Vista" (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0033-R3)

Project Location: The project is located in Sonoma County, approximately 4 miles E of Gualala; Sections 6, 8, 16, 22, Township 10N, Range 14W, USGS Quad Stewarts Point; Sections 25, 26, 31, Township 11N, Range 14W, USGS Quad McGuire Ridge; Mt. Diablo base and meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0033-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, John Bennett.

The project is limited to installation of a rocked ford at map point 14, rocked ford enhancement at map points 68 and 928, installation and removal of three temporary bridges at map points 670, 672, and 673, and water drafting from a Class I watercourse at map points WH-1, WH-2, WH-3, and WH-4.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on June 29, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will / 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. 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 / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Karen Weiss for

Signature

Date: June 29, 2020

For: Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Jun 30 2020

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
AGREEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED LAKE OR STREAM ALTERATION
NO. 1600-2020-0033-R3**

John Bennett, Gualala Redwood Timber, LLC
Timber Harvest Plan 1-20-00003 SON "Vista"

CEQA FINDINGS

INTRODUCTION:

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"; Public Resources Code §21000, *et seq.*), and the State CEQA Guidelines ("Guidelines"; 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15000, *et seq.*) require that prior to reaching a decision on a project, a responsible agency must consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the document prepared by the lead agency.

As the lead agency for the Timber Harvest Plan 1-20-00003 SON "Vista", the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), certified an environmental impact report on April 14, 2020.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") is issuing an agreement regarding proposed Lake or Streambed Alteration to the project applicant, John Bennett, Gualala Redwoods Timber, LLC, P.O. Box 197, Gualala, CA 95445. For the Timber Harvest Plan 1-20-00003 SON "Vista", the applicant is proposing to install one rocked ford crossing, enhance two rocked ford crossings, install three temporary bridges, and draft water from a Class I watercourse.

CDFW is a responsible agency under CEQA for the purpose of approving the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement necessitated by the lead agency's proposed project. As a CEQA responsible agency, CDFW is required by Guidelines §15096 to review the environmental document certified by the lead agency approving the project and to make certain findings concerning the project's potential to cause significant, adverse environmental effects. However, when considering alternatives and mitigation measures approved by the lead agency, a responsible agency is more limited than the lead agency. CDFW has responsibility for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect environmental effects of the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement that it approves.

FINDING:

CDFW has considered the environmental impact report prepared by the lead agency. CDFW has independently concluded that the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein. CDFW finds that with the mitigation measures incorporated into the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, there will be no significant effects from the proposed project.

The Project is Approved.

DATE: June 29, 2020

By: _____

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For: Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
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