

**Notice of Determination****- 1 -**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Timber Harvest Plan "Steam Donkey" 1-23-00099 SON (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SON-46174-R3)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within the Big Pepperwood Creek (1113.850201), Mouth of Gualala River (1113.850202) and Black Point (1113.850304) planning watersheds. The project is located at tributaries to the Gualala River, the South Fork of the Gualala River, and the Pacific Ocean, in the County of Sonoma, State of California, German Land Grant, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, USGS Quadrangles McGuire Ridge, Gualala, and Stewarts Point.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SON-46174-R3 pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project applicant, John Bennett, representing Gualala Redwood Timber, LLC.

The project is limited to eighteen culvert replacements, twelve crossing removals, one culvert installation, three ditch improvements, one rock armored fill crossing, four temporary Humboldt crossings, and two water drafting sites, as denoted in the approved 1-23-00099-SON "Steam Donkey" Timber Harvest Plan.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 10, 2024 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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6/10/2024

SignatureDate:

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