

## **Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018122049

**Project Title:** Water Diversion for Cannabis Cultivation (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-09312-R1)

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Summit Creek, in Trinity County; Section 32, Township 32N, Range 10W in the Hayfork Summit USGS quadrangle, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; 40.579722, -123.014381; Assessor's Parcel Number 015-130-021-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-TRI-09312-R1, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Melissa Wight.

The project is limited to the diversion of surface water from a spring-fed source of an unnamed tributary of Summit Creek for commercial cannabis cultivation. The Agreement allows for diversion from the existing spring box located within the stream channel. Water is gravity fed through a 1-inch plastic pipe into a 2500- gallon storage tank where it is then pumped up to more water storage facilities near the cultivation site. The Agreement allows for the maintenance and annual installation/removal of existing infrastructure but does not authorize expanding the capacity by digging into the channel, or other in-channel manipulation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 29, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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. 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** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  Date: 4/26/2024

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