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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015102005

**Project Title:** Valdivia Hydroelectric Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0331-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project to be completed is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 8.5 miles west of the town of Redway, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 5, T4S, R2E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Ettersburg U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0331-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mr. Reuben Valdivia.

The project is limited to one encroachment. Encroachment 1 is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Blue Slide Creek for hydroelectric generation. Water is diverted using a screened redwood box and flows through a 2" diameter pipe reduced to two 1" diameter pipes for approximately 650 feet, where it passes through nozzles onto a turbine motor, is captured in a bucket, and then outlets through a 2" pipe into Blue Slide Creek. The diversion is non-consumptive but affects the flow in the stream for the length of the diversion. Work for the water diversion will include modification, use, and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure, and work necessary to bring the diversion into compliance with this Agreement.

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.

Signature

*Scott Bauer*

Date:

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