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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Arellano Water Diversion and Stream Crossing Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0160-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 4.82 miles west of the town of Blocksburg, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 21, T2S, R4E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Blocksburg, CA U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 217-101-002 and 217-101-017; latitude 40.283411 N and longitude 123.739101 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The project is limited to 2 encroachments on unnamed tributaries to the Eel River. One encroachment is for water diversion for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include modification to existing infrastructure and use and maintenance of the water diversion. The other encroachment is to upgrade a short and undersized culvert. Work for these encroachments will include some or all of the following: excavation, culvert removal, culvert replacement, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

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: 11/6/2020
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____