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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Benbow Ranch Center Water Diversion, Stream Crossings, and Pond Spillways Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0179-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within Kinsey Creek and Blue Slide Creek watersheds, approximately 6.92 miles southwest of the town of Miranda, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in sections 26 and 35, T3S, R2E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Ettersburg, CA U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 221-261-001; latitude 40.165000 N and longitude 123.917477 W at Crossing #1.

Project Description: The project is limited to 11 encroachments on unnamed tributaries to Kinsey Creek and Blue Slide Creek. Three encroachments include water diversion for domestic use, livestock and/or irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. Eight encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized culverts and two encroachments are to upgrade pond spillways. Work for these encroachments will include some or all of the following: excavation, culvert removal, realignment of diverted surface flow, possible recontouring of abandoned channel, culvert installation with new properly sized culverts, 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  
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Date: 4/7/2021

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