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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Brannan Mountain Water Diversion and Crossing Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-04271-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Trinity River watershed, approximately 3.7 miles south east of the town of Willow Creek, County of Humboldt, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 522-052-006; latitude 40.95422 N and longitude -123.6955 W at the first point of diversion (POD). The place of use for the points of diversion are located on two parcels Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 522-052-006 and adjacent APN 522-044-003. However, the adjacent parcel itself has only partially been evaluated by CDFW for projects subject to CDFG 1600 Code.

Project Description: The project is limited to 6 encroachments. Two encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Brannan Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The 4 other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. Geotextiles are prohibited material in streambed, bank, or channel.

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

Date:

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____