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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Mata Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-19290-R1C)

Project Location: The project is located within the Willow Creek watershed, approximately 1.2 miles west northwest of the town of Willow Creek, County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 30, T7N, R5E, Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Willow Creek U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 522-171-004; latitude 40.9437 N and longitude 123.6501 W at the first stream crossing.

Project Description: This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a desk review without a CDFW site inspection.

The project is limited to five encroachments (Table 1) to upgrade 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.

Table 1. Project Encroachments Covered by this Agreement with Description

ID	Latitude/Longitude	Description
Crossing-1	40.9437, -123.6501	Replace existing culvert with minimum 36-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-2	40.9445, -123.6506	Install vented ford with minimum 24-inch diameter culvert. Rock road approaches minimum of 50 feet at both approaches
Crossing-3	40.9449, -123.6505	Replace existing culvert with minimum 24-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-4	40.9447, -123.6498	Replace existing culvert with minimum 24-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-5	40.9442, -123.6492	Replace existing culvert with minimum 36-inch diameter culvert.

The Notification also discloses the use of a well located at Lat/Long 40.9440, -123.6515. This well is presented as the sole source of water for all needs on the property. CDFW did not evaluate hydraulic connection of the well to surface water, nor was a hydrogeologic evaluation prepared by a licensed geologist provided for CDFW review. Based on the available resources, the well may be hydraulically connected to streams and/or springs and shall be evaluated for potential impacts from commercial cannabis irrigation use through the County's conditional use permit (PLN-13037-CUP).

No other projects that may be subject to FGC section 1602 were disclosed. This Agreement does not retroactively permit any constructed reservoirs (including "ponds"), stream crossings, water diversions, modifications to riparian buffers, or other encroachments not described in Table 1.

Determination: 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

Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date:

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____