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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Fantastic Gardens Humboldt South Stream Crossings, Water Diversions, and Pond Decommissioning Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0288-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the Little Van Duzen watershed, approximately 6 miles southeast of the town of Dinsmore, County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 2, T1S, R5E, Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Dinsmore U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 210-144-011, 210-144-012, 210-144-017.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of seventeen encroachments (Table 1). Four encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Dairy and Panther creeks. Water is diverted for domestic use and commercial irrigation. Work for the water diversions will include use and upgrades of the water diversion infrastructure. Nine proposed encroachments are to decommission or upgrade inadequate stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly designed crossings, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. One encroachment will rehabilitate a Class III stream impacted by the construction of a landing. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, recontouring, rocking, and revegetating the stream channel and riparian area. One encroachment will remove approximately 15-cubic yards of spoils from the stream buffer and recontour and revegetate the site. The final two encroachments will decommission onstream ponds, reconfigure the stream channels to mimic the original topography, and revegetate the riparian areas.

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: _____