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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Craig-Smith Water Diversion, Stream Crossings and Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0764-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Larabee Creek watershed, approximately 9.9 miles south southeast of the town of Bridgeville, County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 27, T01S, R04E, Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Blocksburg U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 217-031-001; latitude 40.3450 N and longitude -123.7065 W at the first point of diversion (POD-1).

Project Description: This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a desk review without a CDFW site inspection. The project is limited to 10 encroachments (Table 1). Three encroachments are for water diversion from Larabee Creek and an unnamed tributary. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. One encroachment is to decommission a water diversion. Four encroachments are to upgrade stream crossings. Work for these encroachment(s) 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. One encroachment is upgrade the outlet of a reservoir that is hydrologically connected to a stream. One encroachment is for stream restoration to remove concrete from a stream.

Table 1. Project Encroachments Covered by this Agreement with Description

ID	Latitude/Longitude	Description
POD-1	40.3450, -123.7065	Water diversion from tributary to Larabee Creek for irrigation. SWRCB ID H100335
POD-2	40.3422, -123.7079	Water diversion from Larabee Creek for domestic use and irrigation. SWRCB ID H100335
POD-3 Shallow well	40.3433, -123.7062	Water diversion from shallow well. SWRCB ID H100335
POD-4	40.3426, -123.7070	Permittee has elected to decommission this water diversion.
Crossing-1	40.3439, -123.7075	Replace existing culvert with a minimum 36" diameter culvert
Crossing-2	40.3444, -123.7063	Install minimum 36" diameter culvert
Crossing-4	40.3453, -123.7083	Replace existing culvert with a minimum 36" diameter culvert
Crossing-5	40.3451, -123.7084	Replace existing culvert with a minimum 36" diameter culvert
Stream Restoration	40.3429, -123.7074	Remove concrete from streambank

ID	Latitude/Longitude	Description
Reservoir Outlet	40.3437, -123.7065	Replace existing culvert with a minimum 18" diameter culvert at the reservoir outlet. Notification states that the reservoir is off stream and is hydrologically connected to a stream. CDFW site inspection is needed to evaluate the reservoir and potential wetlands. Reservoir may be an excavated wetland or have a perennial source.

Permittee disclosed Crossing-3 (40.3448, -123.7067): existing 24" diameter culvert. The Notification states the stream crossing is in good condition and meeting current performance standards. Existing stream crossings disclosed in the Notification, but not included as 1602 projects with fees, are not covered under this Agreement. If maintenance (such as armoring) and/or replacement become necessary, that work must be covered by a major amendment or a separate Notification.

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 _____ Date: _____
 Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____