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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Mad River Farm Water Diversion, Crossings and Pond Decommissioning Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-19045-R1C)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the Mad River watershed, approximately 3.7 miles northeast of the town of Dinsmore, County of Humboldt; Assessor's Parcel Number 208-241-001; latitude 40.5044 N and longitude -123.5461 W at the first crossing.

Project Description: The project is limited to 7 encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to County Line Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. Three other proposed encroachments are to upgrade or decommission failing and undersized stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing crossings, replacement with new properly sized crossing, backfilling and compaction of fill, or decommissioning of earthen dam crossing and rock armoring or revegetation as necessary to minimize erosion. Work for 3 onstream ponds includes returning the streams to natural conditions by restoring the natural channel and revegetating with native plants. This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site inspection by Environmental Scientist Christine Hahn Vertical and Engineer Katherine Hawken, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board on May 27, 2021. As a result of the site visit North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Notice of Violation for the dam at crossing 1. The project work permitted under this Agreement shall remedy the dam at crossing 1.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ ] the Lead Agency / [X] 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 [X] mitigated negative declaration / [ ] negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
CDFW considered the [X] 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 [X] were / [ ] were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ ] was / [X] 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 [X] 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: Angela Liebenberg Date: 8/19/2021

for Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

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