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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Savage Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0531-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 9.6 miles west of the town of Garberville, County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 21, T04S, R02E, Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Briceland U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 220-171-005; latitude 40.084166 N and longitude 123.973918W at the first point of diversion (POD-1).

Project Description: The project is limited to 11 encroachments (Table 1). Two encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Eubank Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation from storage for cannabis cultivation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The nine 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 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
POD-1	40.084166, -123.973918	Water diversion from a stream for domestic use and cannabis irrigation from storage. Cannabis Irrigation SWRCB application ID: H500856 Permittee shall follow SWRCB Cannabis Policy; diversion to storage for cannabis irrigation from November 1 – March 31 when sufficient flows exist, 3 gallons per minute, 80% bypass at all times. Domestic Use Water diversion for domestic use year-round. Permittee shall implement Seasonal Diversion Minimization: no more than 200 gallons per day cumulatively from POD-1 & POD-2 together, from May 15 – October 31, 80% bypass at all times.
POD-2	40.089096, -123.977509	Water diversion from a stream for domestic use and cannabis irrigation from storage. Cannabis Irrigation SWRCB application ID: H500856 Permittee shall follow SWRCB Cannabis Policy; diversion to storage for

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		cannabis irrigation from November 1 – March 31 when sufficient flows exist, 3 gallons per minute, 80% bypass at all times. Domestic Use Water diversion for domestic use year-round. Permittee shall implement Seasonal Diversion Minimization: no more than 200 gallons per day cumulatively from POD-1 & POD-2 together, from May 15 – October 31, 80% bypass at all times.
Crossing-1	40.089090, -123.977485	Replace existing culvert with minimum 24-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-2	40.089828, -123.977518	Replace existing culvert with minimum 18-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-3	40.090368, -123.977558	Install rock armoring at the culvert outlet.
Crossing-5	40.090029, -123.974925	Install rock armoring at the culvert outlet.
Crossing-6	40.089812, -123.97474	Replace existing culvert with minimum 24-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-7	40.089803, -123.974727	Install rock armoring at the culvert outlet.
Crossing-8	40.089686, -123.974617	Replace existing culvert with minimum 36-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-9	40.088002, -123.975616	Decommission stream crossing and restore natural stream channel.
Crossing-10	40.087684, -123.975476	Replace existing culvert with minimum 24-inch diameter culvert. Hydrologically disconnect the road from the stream.

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.

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David Manthorne 10/29/2021
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____