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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Willis Water Diversion and Stream Crossings Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0191-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately one mile north northeast of the town of Miranda, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 35, T2S, R3E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Miranda U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 211-376-035; latitude 40.2478 N and longitude 123.8138 W at the first point of diversion (POD-1).

Project Description: The project is limited to 6 encroachments. Two encroachments are for water diversion from springs tributary to the South Fork Eel River. Water is diverted for domestic use only. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. One encroachment is to decommission a water diversion and restore the spring and stream to a natural condition. Three encroachments are to upgrade stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

Table 1. Project Encroachments with Description

ID	Latitude/Longitude	Description
Crossing-1	40.2472, -123.8159	Install minimum 18-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-2	40.2477, -123.8166	Install minimum 24-inch diameter culvert.
Crossing-3	40.2495, -123.8166	Install minimum 18-inch diameter culvert.
POD-1	40.2478, -123.8138	Water diversion from a spring for domestic use.
POD-2	40.2485, -123.8145	Water diversion from a spring for domestic use.
POD-3	40.2468, -123.8150	Permittee has chosen to decommission the water diversion infrastructure, cease diverting water at this POD, and restore the spring and 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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