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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Finley Cal Fin Organics Water Diversion and Stream Crossing Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. (1600-2019-0854-R1)

Project Location: The project is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 5.5 miles Southeast of the town of Harris, County of Humboldt, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 218-071-003 and 218-081-003; latitude 40.0244 N and longitude -123.6027 W at the first crossing.

Project Description: The project is limited to 12 encroachments. Two encroachments are for water diversion from spring and surface waters impounded into ponds. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Water diversion from Crimea Pond 1 which is a 100,000-gallon spring fed reservoir appears mostly stable, but CDFW observed a superficial settling crack in the earthen embankment. The pond is located on APNs 218-081-004 and 218-081-003 has an existing 24" culvert spillway and water is present year-round. Work includes adequately rocking the outlet and vegetation and debris clearing of the spillway inlet. Pond 2 received upslope surface flow via in inboard ditch and contains 2,000,000 gallons of storage capacity with a 24" waterman culverted outlet with a downspout which flows into a T dissipater and lastly into an inboard ditch. CDFW CE recommends including adequate erosion control e.g., rip rap rock to dissipate flow energy at the outlet receiving inboard ditch. Work for these water diversions will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The 10 other proposed encroachments are to upgrade or decommission failing and undersized culverts. Work for these encroachments will include, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts or rock fill fords, decommissioning, excavation, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

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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Rebecca Garwood
Signature

Date: 04/19/2022

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