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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Mendes Stream Crossing and Pond Decommissioning Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-02552-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 0.5 miles southwest of the community of Alderpoint, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 28, T03 South, R05 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Alderpoint U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 216-281-015; latitude 40.1711 N and longitude 123.6160 W at the pond to be decommissioned.

Project Description: The project is limited to six encroachments. The five proposed encroachments are to upgrade/improve existing stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts or properly sized rock surface, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. The other encroachment is to decommission an onstream pond. Work for this encroachment will include excavation of dam, removal of existing spillway, installation of new properly sized culvert, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring of steam channels entering former pond site.

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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Signature

Date: 4/25/2022

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