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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015102005

**Project Title:** Paulsin Water Diversion, Crossing and Stream Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-35444-R1)

**Project Location:** The project to be completed is located within the Mattole River watershed, approximately 7.1 miles west of the town of Redway, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Assessor's Parcel Number 221-221-027; latitude 40.1389 N and longitude 123.9619 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The Project is limited to 2 encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Blue Slide Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include structure retrofit, use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The other proposed encroachment is to upgrade existing culvert road stream crossing and restore the degraded stream channel below the culvert outlet. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, stream recontouring, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, revegetation of the impacted stream bank, 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.

DocuSigned by:  
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Signature

Date: 3/9/2023

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