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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Water Diversions, Stream Crossings, and Pond Spillway Projects (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-39041-R1C)

Project Location (include county): The Project to be completed is located within the Pipe Creek – Eel River watershed, approximately 4.4 miles southeast of the town of Harris, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 10, T05S, R05E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Jewett Rock U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 218-051-002-000, 218-051-003-000, 218-051-006-000, and 218-051-007-000; latitude 40.0367 N and longitude 123.6044 W at the first point of diversion (POD-A).

Project Description: The Project is limited to fourteen encroachments. Three encroachments are for water diversions (two from offset shallow wells and one on-stream pond). Water is diverted for domestic use from POD-A and POD-B1/B2 and irrigation is sourced from POD-C/Pond-3. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The eleven other proposed encroachments are to upgrade existing culverts, install rock armored fords, construct pond spillways, and decommission a pond. 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. Work will also include engineered plans and construction activities for construction of spillways and decommissioning of a failing pond.

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:
Rebecca Garwood
Signature

Date: 7/15/2024

Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____