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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012052019

Project Title: Bickell Ponds and Fish Passage (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0080-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Rancheria Creek watershed, approximately 4 miles South Southeast of the town of Yorkville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Southwest, Southeast, and Northwest 1/4 of Section 6, T11N, R12W, and Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, T12N, R12W Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Bigfoot Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 049-450-20 and 049-340-27; latitude 38.842965 and longitude -123.243933 at the crossing (Crossing No. 26).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is limited to four encroachments (Table 1) associated with three existing water diversions onstream reservoirs and dams on unnamed tributaries to Rancheria Creek. Water storage is in the process of being permitted by the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Right Application No. A031978. No water will be diverted from either POD from April 1 through October 30 of each year except for emergency fire suppression under this Agreement. Crossing No. 26 is removal of an existing crossing that is a fish passage barrier on an unnamed tributary. Work will include excavation, removal of the failing concrete, recontouring the stream channel, and seeding, mulching and 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.

Signature   
Cheri Sanville, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date: 8/22/19  
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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