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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015102005

**Project Title:** Dodge Water Diversion, Stream Crossings, and Ponds Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0695-R1)

**Project Location:** The project is located approximately 2 miles SE of the Town of Garberville; affecting unnamed tributaries to Buck Mountain Creek in the County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 29, Township 4S, Range 4E; Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Garberville, Calif. 7.5-minute quadrangle, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map; Assessor's Parcel Number: 223-074-001, 223-074-005, 223-071-066 (consolidated under 223-074-010).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0695-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Steve Dodge. The project consists of 11 encroachment(s): Two encroachments are for water diversion from Class II tributaries to Buck Mountain Creek. Work for both diversions will include removal of infrastructure and restoration of the stream channel. Three encroachments are for hydrologically connected ponds. No work is proposed for Pond-1. Work for Pond-2 will consist of pond removal and stream restoration. Work for Pond-3 will consist of rocking the pond overflow spillway. Three encroachments include upgrading undersized culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of existing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion. One encroachment is to upgrade a road stream crossing with no infrastructure. Work for this crossing will include rock armoring. Two other proposed encroachments include decommissioning of road stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include road fill excavation, recontouring, spoils dispersal and stabilization.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as  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 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 Scott Bauer Date: 7/17/19  
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