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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Armstrong Water Diversions and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0096-R1)


Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Redwood Creek watershed, approximately 8.5 miles E/SE of the town of Willow Creek, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 13, T06N, R03E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Lord-Ellis Summit U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Humboldt County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 316-086-017 and 316-086-011; latitude 40.911524 N and longitude 123.791741 W at the first point of water diversion.

Project Description: The project is limited to 17 encroachments (Table 1). Five encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Redwood Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use, irrigation, and recreation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The 12 other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing/undersized stream crossings or to decommission crossings and restore the stream. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing culverts, replacement with new properly sized crossing, backfilling and compaction of fill, 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.

Signature  Date: 9/13/19
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