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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Chase Water Diversion, Stream Crossings, and Pond Decommissioning Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0866-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Sonoma Creek and Eel River watersheds, approximately 4.6 miles northeast of the town of Myers Flat, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Sections 18 and 19, T2S, R4E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Myers Flat U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 211-352-005, 211-351-003, and 211-362-004; latitude 40.2841 N and longitude 123.7720 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The project is limited to seventeen encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Sonoma Creek. Water is diverted for irrigation. A second encroachment is to decommission a pond and restore a channel impacted by unpermitted grading. The grading, which occurred in a wetland, will be remediated by removing the pond and realigning the channel to its natural alignment. The fifteen other proposed encroachments are to upgrade failing and undersized culverts. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, stream crossing decommissioning, 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 Scott Bauer Date: 9/26/19
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