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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015102005

**Project Title:** Paulson Pond Decommission and Stream Crossings (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0194-R1). The project to be completed is located within the Mad-Redwood River watershed, approximately 11.2 miles NE of the town of Bridgeville, County of Humboldt, State of California. The project is located in Section 35, T02N, R05E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Blake Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 208-231-014; latitude 40.5113 N and longitude -123.5859 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description** The project is limited to five encroachments. The five proposed encroachments include 4 upgrades of failing and undersized culverts and the decommission of an instream pond. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the failing culverts, replacement with new properly sized culverts, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion and decommissioning of an onstream pond through a stream restoration plan. The Notification also discloses the use of a well located at Lat/Long 40.5118, -123.5870. This well is presented as the sole source of water for all needs on the property. CDFW did not evaluate hydraulic connection of the wells to surface water, nor was a hydrogeologic evaluation prepared by a licensed geologist provided for CDFW review. Described features disclosed within the notification, but are not covered under this Agreement are Pond 2 and a dry well. This Agreement does not retroactively permit any stream crossings, water diversions or other encroachments not described in here. Pond 2 appears hydrologically connected by receiving waters from the wetland it is contained within and may be subject to FGC section 1602 but was not identified as a project and is not covered under this Agreement.

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:* 11/6/19  
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