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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Dawid Timber Ridge Stream Crossing and Dam Removal Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0592-R1)

Project Location: The project to be completed is located within the Middle Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 7.1 miles southeast of the town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 19, T22N, R11W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Newhouse Ridge U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 034-100-39 latitude 39.7505 N and longitude 123.1227 W at the first stream crossing (STX-1).

Project Description: The project is limited to two encroachments (Table 1). One encroachment is to remove a failing and undersized stream crossing that is no longer in use. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the failing crossing, recontouring the crossing, and revegetating the slopes of the disturbed channel with native vegetation. The other proposed encroachment is to remove a dam on an in-stream pond that is leaky and does not hold water past late summer. Work for this encroachment will include excavation of the dam fill, removal of the pond outlet culvert, recontouring the impoundment areas, rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion, and revegetating the slopes of the disturbed channel with native vegetation. The material in the dam originated from the area that became the impoundment. Therefore, all the dam material will be used to return the slopes to original grades and no spoils will be hauled off site. The channel through the former impoundment will be lined with 17 cubic yards of 0.5-1.0 ft rock. After the area is recontoured, it will be covered in jute netting, mulched, and seeded with native grasses.

The Permittee has disclosed a spring water diversion on the property that was formerly used for domestic needs before a well was drilled in 2018. The Permittee filed for water rights for this diversion but did not follow up since the water source is no longer in use for any purpose. Water diversions that were disclosed in the Notification, but not included as 1602 projects with fees, are not covered under this Agreement. If the Permittee seeks to use the spring water diversion again in the future, it will need to be covered under a major amendment or a separate Agreement.

The Permittee has disclosed a water well located at approximately 39.7479, -123.1226. The well's potential for hydraulic connectivity to streams was not addressed in the Notification by a professional hydrogeologist licensed in the state of California and the Department has not evaluated this well.

No other projects that may be subject to FGC1602 were disclosed. This Agreement does not retroactively permit any stream crossings, water diversions or other encroachments not described in Table 1.

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):

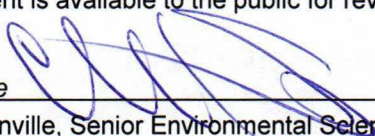
1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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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