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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112028

Project Title: Leppert Water Diversion and Stream Crossing Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0575-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 8 miles southeast of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Section 29, T18N, R12W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Foster Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The project is limited to five (5) encroachments. One (1) encroachment is for water diversion from a well adjacent to an unnamed tributary to Cave Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure (well).

Two (2) encroachments are for maintenance of existing stream crossing culverts. One (1) encroachment is for manual removal of road sediment from a stream channel.

One (1) proposed encroachment is to replace existing double 12-inch diameter culverts with a new 30-inch diameter culvert. Work for this encroachment will include excavation, removal of the exiting culverts, replacement with a new properly-sized culvert, 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: 8/12/19
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