**TO:** Office of Planning and Research

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018092067

Project Title: Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0426-R1 Bioengineering and Large Wood Installation – Redwood Creek Project.

Project Location: Located at Redwood Creek, in the County of Humboldt, State of California: 40.1077° north latitude, -123.8980° west longitude at the downstream end; 40.1062° north latitude, -123.9017° west longitude at the upstream end.

Project Description: The project is limited to installing instream habitat features at 11 locations including 59 pieces of large wood and 120 cubic yards of 2 to 3 ton boulders and 40 cubic yards of 0.5 ton boulders at 11 locations along a 2,000 foot section of Redwood Creek. Native riparian plants and trees will be planted consisting of three red alders, three red osier dogwoods, two Oregon ash, three California man root, three California blackberry, and 7.5 pounds of mixed native grass seed.

This is to advise that the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as  $\boxtimes$  the lead agency /  $\square$  a responsible agency approved the above-described project on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will / will not have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)

2. An environmental impact report / 🛛 A negative declaration / 🗌 A timber harvesting plan was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures i were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.

4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations 🗌 was / 🛛 was not adopted by CDFW for this project.

5. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).

CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.

6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Wildlife Code § 711.4 (check one): Payment is submitted with this notice.

A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.

A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by CDFW is attached to this notice.

Payment is not required when CDFW is Lead Agency.

Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.

Responsible Agency statement: The final EIR, Negative Declaration, or THP that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of decision is available at the CDFW office identified above.

Signed:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research Date:

May 29, 2019 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

**Trevor** Tollefson Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor) Date Received for filing at OPR:

May 29, 2019 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CEQA FINDINGS FOR THE AGREEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION NO. 1600-2019-0426-R1

## Introduction

The California Environmental Quality Act (**CEQA**) (Public Resources Code section 21000, *et seq.*) and the State CEQA Guidelines (**Guidelines**) (Section 15000, et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) require that no public agency shall approve or carry out a project for which a mitigated negative declaration (MND) has been completed that identifies one or more significant effects, unless such an agency makes the following finding as to each significant effect:

Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

As the lead agency for the project, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) adopted the MND for the Project on **November 28, 2018.** CDFW found that the Project will not result in significant environmental effects with the mitigation measures required in, or incorporated into the Project.

CDFW is issuing a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) to the project applicant, Mr. Isaac Mikus representing Eel River Watershed Group. The project is located at Redwood Creek, tributary to South Fork Eel River, in the County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 18; Township 04 South, Range 04 East, HB&M.

## Findings

CDFW has considered the MND adopted for the project and has concluded that the Agreement should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein. On the basis of the record before CDFW, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. CDFW finds that the MND reflects CDFW's independent judgment and analysis. In this regard, CDFW hereby adopts the findings set forth in the MND insofar as they pertain to the Project's impacts on biological resources.

Signed:

Trevor Tollefson V Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor) California Department Fish and Wildlife

Date: