

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Hughes Water Diversion Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-66524-R1C)

Project Location (Humboldt County): The Project to be completed is located within the Willow Creek watershed, approximately 4.0 miles southwest of the town of Willow Creek, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 10, T06N, R04E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Willow Creek U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 316-064-011-000; latitude 40.9116 N and longitude 123.6984 W at the point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-66524-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Shannon Hughes.

The Project is limited to one encroachment. The encroachment is for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Willow Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 20, 2026, 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. CDFW considered the **Mitigated Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Mitigated 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 of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

DocuSigned by:
Signature: Rebecca Garwood Date: 8/24/2026
Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: