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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012046

Project Title: Cochran Creek and Quail Slough Fish Passage and Habitat Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0380-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on the lower reaches of Cochran Creek and Quail Slough, tributaries to Fay Slough, thence Humboldt Bay, thence the Pacific Ocean. The project is located in and adjacent to the City of Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California; Latitude 40.7996 and Longitude -124.0904; Assessor's Parcel Number 402-181-01.

Project Description: The Project proposes to improve fish passage as well as enhance and expand tidal, brackish, freshwater and riparian habitat conditions on Cochran Creek and Quail Slough. Project components on Cochran Creek include: 1) Replace Tide Gate on Fay Slough and Create a Muted Tide Cycle 2) Realign Cochran Creek 3) Construct Drop Structure to Facilitate Fish Passage 4) Construct Inset Floodplain 5) Revegetate Cochran Creek with Appropriate Native Species 6) Remove Invasive Species. Project components on Quail Slough include: 1) Upgrade Existing Channel Crossings 2) Realign Lower Quail Slough and Expand Channel Capacity 3) Create Ephemeral Off-Channel Backwater Habitat 4) Construct Inset Floodplain and Tidal Berms 5) Install Tide Gates on Drainage Channels 6) Revegetate the Quail Slough Corridor with Appropriate Native Species 7) Remove Invasive Species

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency / a Responsible Agency approved the above described project on May 11, 2017 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 _____
Gordon Leppig, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date: 10/18/19 _____

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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