

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004112063

Project Title: Branciforte Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project: Happy Valley Conference Center (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-18989-R3).

Project Location (include county): The Project has three locations in Branciforte Creek, accessed from 2159 Branciforte Drive, Santa Cruz 95065, in the County of Santa Cruz (Site 1: Latitude 37.01209, Longitude -122.00034); (Site 2: Latitude 37.01353, Longitude -121.99830); (Site 3: Latitude 37.01724, Longitude -121.99748).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SCR-18989-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District.

The Project involves the removal of three existing concrete barriers in Branciforte Creek to improve passage for salmonid migration and restore instream conditions at and above the project sites. The Project is part of the Master Permit for the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District for small, environmentally beneficial projects including fish stream habitat improvement projects.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on August 25, 2021 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 / 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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

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Date: 8/31/2021

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____