

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: Upper Terrace Wetland Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-19762-R3).

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at the Upper Terrace of Younger Lagoon, on the University of California, Santa Cruz, Coastal Science Campus, at 191 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz 95060, in the County of Santa Cruz (Latitude 36.95741, Longitude -122.06480).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SCR-19762-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 creation of a breeding pond for California red-legged frog (CRLF) by removing approximately 1,200 cubic yards of soil of the Upper Terrace of Younger Lagoon, re-shaping the excavated area, and lining a deeper portion of the created pond to extend the hydroperiod for amphibian breeding. The Project is part of the Master Permit for the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District for small, environmentally beneficial projects including restoration and management of declining habitats.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on September 13, 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 Received for filing at OPR: _____