

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: Kingfisher Flat Hatchery Bridge and Floodplain Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-29303-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The Project is located at Big Creek, a tributary to Scott Creek, accessed from 675 Big Creek Road, Davenport, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 37.07265, Longitude -122.22386; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 057-251-06.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-29303-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project as represented by Benjamin Harris (Permittee).

The Project is limited to the repair of a bridge/access road and retaining wall; part of the Kingfisher Flat Hatchery which was damaged in the 2020 CZU lightning complex fire. A 56-foot-long by 10-foot-wide bridge steel and wood decking railcar bridge will be repaired and a burned retaining wall structure, which previously housed several juvenile fish rearing tanks, will be replaced with an earthen bed and bank and vegetated with native plants.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 21, 2023, 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.

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.

Signature:  Date: 9/21/2023

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____