

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015092039

Project Title: Yreka Creek Flood Hazard Control – Lennox Reach Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SIS-40811-R11

Project Location Siskiyou County: Yreka Creek between East Lennox Street to the south, continuing north and ending at California State Route 3.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SIS-40811-R11, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of Yreka.

The project is limited to the construction of an approximately 0.26 mile side channel to Yreka Creek for the purpose of reducing flood risk through a bioengineering approach and creating habitat for salmonids. The main outlet from Yreka Creek into the sided channel will be located just north of West Lennox Street. A secondary overflow outlet will be constructed north of the main outlet. The main return inlet to Yreka Creek will be located south of Montague Road. The side channel will be excavated approximately 10 to 15 feet below existing ground level so that the elevation of the side channel bed will be located just above the ordinary high-water mark of Yreka Creek to reduce the potential for fish stranding. The side channel will include constructed riffle and pool complexes. Riffles will consist of cobbles spaced approximately every 120 to 200 linear feet. The streambed will be a combination of sand and gravel, and gravel and cobble will be used to line the inlets and outlets to Yreka Creek. Large woody debris (logs/root wads) will be installed at outer banks of creek bends and at the inlets and outlets to reduce erosion due to scour.

In addition, an up to 150-foot-wide floodplain area will be excavated by 5 to 10 feet below the existing ground level on either side of the side channel. Material excavated from the side channel and floodplain will be transported offsite. A bioswale will be created to assist in diverting flows from the Caltrans right-of-way along the I-5 corridor.

Existing riparian vegetation will be avoided during excavation of the floodplain to the extent feasible. The excavated floodplain will be planted with native riparian vegetation after construction is completed. Where practicable, existing native riparian vegetation will be salvaged and maintained in a nursery, then transplanted into the floodplain excavation area.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 05/22/2024 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 environmental impact report 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** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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: Michael Harris Date: 5/22/2024

Michael R. Harris, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____