

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014022023

Project Title: Heart of Soquel Master Site Plan (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0094-R3)

Project Location: The project is located at Soquel Creek, in the County of San Mateo, State of California; Township 11S, Range 1W, Soquel, Mt. Diablo; Accessor's Parcel Number(s): 030-153-38 and 030-153-21.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0094-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, County of Santa Cruz, Department of Public Works.

The overall project involves the construction of a pedestrian trail along Soquel Creek to connect the Heart of Soquel Plaza Park with an existing pedestrian bridge over Soquel Creek. In addition to the construction of the trail, stream enhancement and restoration activities will occur.

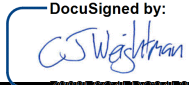
The project within 1600 authority includes the enhancement of Soquel Creek along where the new pedestrian trail will be constructed. Restoration activities involve removing non-native/ invasive vegetation within the riparian zone. Approximately 0.12 acres of riparian vegetation will be temporarily impacted, and 0.10 acres of permanent impacts will occur. Permanent impacts to the riparian area will be addressed by planting native vegetation onsite at a ratio of 2:1. Temporary impacts will be addressed at native planting ratio of 1:1. The designated restoration area is approximately 0.436 acre. Native trees and herbaceous vegetation will be planted within the 0.436-acre riparian area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 06/19/2020 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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Signature  *Date:* June 24, 2020
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