

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2017092034

**Project Title:** CA FLAP SCR T5(1&2) - North Coast Rail Trail (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-31309-R3)

**Project Location (Santa Cruz County):** The project includes 5 project locations, located at multiple unnamed tributaries to the Pacific Ocean accessed along a rail corridor connecting Davenport to Wilder Ranch State Park, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California. Location 1: Latitude 37.00820, Longitude -122.19007; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 058-121-03. Location 2: Latitude 36.98113, Longitude -122.14258; APN 059-023-10. Location 3: Latitude 36.97834, Longitude -122.13680; APN 059-023-10. Location 4: Latitude 36.96439, Longitude -122.11247; APN 059-131-08. Location 5: Latitude 36.95996, Longitude -122.09199; APN 059-141-05.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-31309-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

The Project is limited to the installation of five culverts within five ephemeral streams as part of the North Coast Rail Trail. Culvert installation at all locations will involve clearing and grubbing vegetation, prepping the stream channel, culvert installation, culvert backfill, flared end section installation, riprap apron installation, installation of trail base material over the backfill, and paving the trail over the culvert. Work will be conducted when the stream channel is dry and there will be no dewatering at any site.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 11, 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 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.

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