

**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:** 2004032147

**Project Title:** Santa Cruz Route 1 Tier II Build Project – 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. to Soquel Ave. Auxiliary Lanes (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0241-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Rodeo Gulch, a tributary to the Pacific Ocean, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.98348, Longitude -121.97115; Section 9, Township 11S, Range 1W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Soquel.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0241-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission as represented by Sarah Christensen.

State Route 1 is the primary transport route through Watsonville, Capitola, Aptos, and the City of Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz Route 1 Tier II Build Project – 41st Ave. to Soquel Ave. Auxiliary Lanes project will make improvements between 41st Avenue and the Soquel Drive/Soquel Avenue interchange (postmile 13.4 to 15) to increase vehicle capacity and alleviate vehicle congestion. Improvements will include widening the existing State Route 1 to construct 12-foot-wide auxiliary lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 02/18/201 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project  will /  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 /  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 /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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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