

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015082026

Project Title: Newell Road Bridge Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCL-43320-R3)

Project Location (Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties): The Project is located on the San Francisquito Creek at the bridge at Newell Road between Woodland Avenue and Edgewood Drive, Latitude 37,454322, Longitude -122.136684. Additional project mitigation activities will be located at the Reller Restoration site upstream at Latitude 37.458284, Longitude -122.145711.


Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCL-43320-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Tess Byler/San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority and Michel Jeremias/City of Palo Alto.

The purpose of this project is to remove the existing functionally obsolete bridge on Newell Road and the current bridge abutments in San Francisquito Creek and replace it with a wider bridge and abutments outside the creek channel. Mitigation activities will include replanting at the Reller Restoration site and performing invasive species removal just upstream of the bridge site.

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

1. The project will 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:  Date: 9/19/2024
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____