

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108  
**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2009012070

**Project Title:** Richardson Grove U.S. 101 STAA Operational Improvement Project EA 01-46480 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-53994-R1C)

**Project Location:** This Project is located in Humboldt County on U.S. Highway 101 between post miles (PMs) 1.18 and 1.35 near the town of Benbow.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-53994-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation.

In accordance with the Notification and supporting documents, the project proposes to minimally realign and widen the roadway so Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) vehicles may negotiate curves through Richardson Grove State Park. No old growth redwood trees will be removed. The planned roadway will consist of two 12-foot lanes with 2-foot shoulders where possible in Richardson Grove State Park. In order to widen the highway, four existing 18-inch culverts will be extended and have new inlet structures.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 12-24-24 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 Addendum to the Project's Final 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 not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan 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 Addendum to the Project's Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project is 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: *Angela Liebenberg* signing for: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/24/2024

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_