

**Notice of Determination**



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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2017102051

**Project Title:** Covelo Trail Bridge (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0225-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is approximately 1.25 miles north of Covelo, at the crossing of Mill Creek by State Highway 162, in the County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 31, Township 23N, Range 12W; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Covelo East, Calif. U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle. Latitude 39.8113°, Longitude -123.24814°.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0225-R1, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, James Sookne, representing Mendocino Council of Governments.

The project will construct a pedestrian bridge west of the existing vehicle bridge. Bridge supports include two piers that are outside of ordinary high water, but within the flood plain of Mill Creek. The bridge design accommodates the 100-year flow and associated debris. Riparian habitat removed or shaded by the project will be replaced and monitored as part of a revegetation plan.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on July 1, 2019 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.

Signature  
Gordon Leppig, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date: 8/28/19

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date Received for filing at OPR: **AUG 28 2019**

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