

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: 2001042115

Project Title: Marin-Sonoma Narrows HOV Widening Project (Contract B-7) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0151-R3)

Project Location: The Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Widening Project Contract B7, is located along U.S. Highway 101 corridor in the City of Novato and unincorporated Marin County, in the state of California. The southern Project limits originate at Post Mile (PM) R20.8 in northern Novato, and the northern Project limits terminate just south of the Marin/Sonoma County line at PM 27.1.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0151-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation as represented by Wajahat Nyaz.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (Permittee) proposes to add a twelve (12) foot HOV lane along southbound U.S. 101 from approximately the MSN Segment-A2 conform limits at Franklin Overhead (OH) (crossing Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) to the MSN B3 conform limits near San Antonio Creek. The Project will also add a twelve (12) foot HOV lane along northbound U.S. 101 from the MSN Segment-A3 conform limits to the MSN Segment B3 conform limits. The Project will also add (widen) ten (10) foot inside and outside shoulders along the Project limits, Modify southbound gore area ramp entrances and the exit at De Long Avenue Interchange. The Project will also modify southbound gore area ramp entrances and exits at Atherton Avenue Interchange and the Redwood Landfill Interchange. Widening of the highway will require the modification, replacement or extensions of drainage cross culvert placements through replacements, upsizing or rehabilitation to multiple facilities within the U.S. 101 corridor. Post construction stormwater quality treatment best management practices (BMP) along U.S. 101 shall also be employed.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on June 4, 2018 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.

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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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Craig J Weightman

Signature

Date: September 24, 2020

Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Sep 30 2020

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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