

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004092099

Project Title: Roblar Road Quarry (California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-015-03 Amendment 1 (ITP))

Project Location: The Project is located at two locations in an unincorporated area of Sonoma County, approximately 2 miles and 1.2 miles east, respectively, of Bloomfield, a census-designated place. The Roblar Road Quarry (Quarry) is located at 7601 Roblar Road. The quarry is located approximately 2 miles northeast of the intersection of Valley Ford Road and Roblar Road at approximately Latitude 38.316276°, Longitude -122.809235°. The Roblar Road Upgrade is located along a 1.6-mile-long section of Roblar Road starting at the quarry and heading west (Road Upgrade), and a 0.4-mile-long section of undeveloped land between Roblar Road and Valley Ford Road (Private Access Road). The western-most end of the road upgrade is located approximately 0.6 miles southeast of the intersection of Valley Ford Road and Roblar Road at approximately Latitude 38.300996°, Longitude -122.829792°.

Project Description: The Project includes the development of a hard rock quarry pit and associated infrastructure to mine rock aggregate and the realignment of Americano Creek at the quarry site to allow for upgrading of Roblar Road; upgrading approximately 1.6 miles of Roblar Road and construction of a 0.4 mile long private access road connecting Valley Ford Road and Roblar Road; and enhancement of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat. The Project will proceed in four phases, an initial phase to construct the hard rock quarry pit infrastructure, upgrade Roblar Road, and construct the private access road (Initial Phase), and three quarry mining phases (Phases 1, 2, and 3). The Initial Phase and Phase 1 activities include the excavation and grading of the initial processing area; installation of a sediment pond and other drainage features; and construction of an office, equipment storage area, small parking lot, and two irrigation fields. The two irrigation fields will consist of aerial sprinklers or subsurface emitters, which will impact approximately 20% of the total area of the irrigation fields. The Initial Phase also includes the Roblar Road upgrades; consisting of the widening of Roblar Road to 11-foot-wide vehicle travel lanes with three-foot-wide paved shoulders, and two-foot-wide rock shoulders at the edge of the pavement; and construction of a private access road connecting Valley Ford Road and Roblar Road. Approximately 570,000 cubic yards of quarry material will be mined from the Project site annually. Project activities include grubbing and grading of undeveloped land, trench digging, tree removal, installation of exclusion fencing, excavation, and road construction within the 110.40-acre Quarry. An additional 13.25-acres of development is associated with the Roblar Road upgrades and the construction of a private access road connecting Valley Ford Road and Roblar Road, resulting in a 123.65-acre Project footprint.

The Project will result in impacts to 86.30 acres of California tiger salamander habitat including permanent impacts to 85.80 acres of upland habitat and 0.34 acres of breeding habitat and temporary impacts to 0.16 acres of upland habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, which is designated as a threatened species under CESA. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

The current amendment, Amendment 1, extends the date by which the Permittee must either purchase 193.11 acres of Covered Species credits from a CDFW-approved mitigation or conservation bank OR provide for both the permanent protection and management of 193.11 acres of Habitat Management lands from 18 months to 30 months after the effective date of the ITP if Security is provided.

Notice of Determination

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 12/4/2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
- 3. Additional 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
- 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Erin Chappell
 Signature _____ Date: 12/4/2023
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 Erin Chappell, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____