

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

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**From:**

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108****State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019049055**Project Title:** Ord Ferry Road over Little Chico Creek Bridge Replacement Project (Project) (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-065-02 (ITP)).**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located on Ord Ferry Road in unincorporated Butte County approximately 1 mile west of the intersection of Ord Ferry Road and 7 Mile Road (39.6306, -121.9330, WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

**Project Description:** The Project includes removal of the structurally deficient existing bridge and construction of a new wider bridge on the existing alignment. The new bridge cast-in-place reinforced concrete slab bridge will be founded on cast-in-steel-shell piles and will be 640 feet long by approximately 43 feet wide. Ord Ferry Road will be widened to 40 feet for a length of approximately 400' feet to the west and 500' to the east of the proposed bridge. Existing electrical, telephone, and fiber optic utilities located on the west side of the Ord Ferry Road will need to be relocated as part of the project. Phasing of the bridge and roadway approach construction is required to keep the road open to conventional traffic during construction operations. This phased bridge construction alternative would require two construction seasons and approximately 18 months of single lane traffic control utilizing a temporary traffic signal system. A temporary access road will need to be installed to facilitate construction access. The access road will require installing a clear water diversion within Little Chico Creek from May 1 through October 31 in both seasons of construction. The field northwest of the existing bridge will serve as a staging area for equipment and materials. Tree removal and impacts to riparian and grassland habitats are anticipated.

The Project is expected to temporarily impact 0.17 acres of aquatic habitat and 1.54 acres of upland habitat and cause the permanent loss of 0.09 acres of aquatic habitat and 0.56 acres of upland giant garter snake (GGs, *Thamnophis gigas*) habitat. The Project is expected to permanently impact 0.0013 acres and temporarily impact 0.06 acres of Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (CVSR, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of GGS and CVSR, which are designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. 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.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] issued the ITP amendment on the date signed below and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

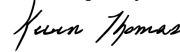
1. The project [ will /  will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [ An environmental impact report /  A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
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). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.

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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 Negative Declaration 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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Signature:

Date: 8/5/2022

Kevin Thomas, *Regional Manager*

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