

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019079059

Project Title: Highway 199 Culvert Rehabilitation and Clarks Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

Project Location (include county): The project is located on United States Highway 199 (US 199) in Del Norte County between Post Mile (PM) 1.11 to 2.56, between latitude/longitude 41.808307, -124.132769 and 41.809993, -124.112764.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-DEL-13297-R1C, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to the project Applicant, David Melendrez, representing the California Department of Transportation. Caltrans proposes to replace four deteriorating culverts on US 199 in Del Norte County from PM 1.11 to 1.72, and improve fish passage through the Clarks Creek culvert at PM 2.56. Culvert replacement strategies include cut and cover method, trenchless methods (i.e., jack and bore), and correcting deficient inlet and/or outlet conditions. The proposed improvements at Clarks Creek would modify the existing baffle design and construct a downstream fishway to improve juvenile fish passage.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency / a Responsible Agency approved the above described project 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. A mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
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 Public Resources Code section 21081, subdivision (a).

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 related to the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature _____ Date: March 8, 2021
Jennifer Olson, acting Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

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