

**Notice of Determination**

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**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research

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

State Clearinghouse Number: **2019109011**

Project Title: **Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0312-R1 East Branch North Fork Big River Coho Habitat Enhancement Project – Large Wood Installation.**

Project Location: **Located at East Branch North Fork Big River, in the County of Mendocino, State of California: 39.3234° north latitude and 123.5121° west longitude at the center point of the project reach.**

Project Description: **The project is limited to installing instream habitat features at 41 locations including approximately 91 pieces of large wood/root wads along 5,930 feet of East Branch North Fork Big River.**

This is to advise that the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as  **the lead agency** /  **a responsible agency** approved the above-described project on the date signed below and has 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 jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
2.  **An environmental impact report** /  **A negative declaration** /  **A timber harvesting plan** was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  **were** /  **were not** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  **was** /  **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. 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.
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Wildlife Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.
  - A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by CDFW is attached to this notice.
  - Payment is not required when CDFW is Lead Agency.

**Lead Agency certification:** CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.

**Responsible Agency statement:** The final EIR, Negative Declaration, or THP that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of decision is available at the CDFW office identified above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 07/02/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Trevor Tollefson

Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)  
Date Received for filing at OPR:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**CEQA FINDINGS** FOR THE  
AGREEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED LAKE OR STREAMBED  
ALTERATION NO. 1600-2020-0312-R1

**Introduction**

The California Environmental Quality Act (**CEQA**) (Public Resources Code section 21000, *et seq.*) and the State CEQA Guidelines (**Guidelines**) (Section 15000, *et seq.*, Title 14, California Code of Regulations) require that no public agency shall approve or carry out a project for which a mitigated negative declaration (MND) has been completed that identifies one or more significant effects, unless such an agency makes the following finding as to each significant effect:

Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

As the lead agency for the project, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) adopted the MND for the Project on **November 18, 2019**. CDFW found that the Project will not result in significant environmental effects with the mitigation measures required in or incorporated into the Project.

CDFW is issuing a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) to the project applicant, **Mr. Brett Leonard representing California Conservation Corps**. The project is located **at East Branch North Fork Big River, tributary to North Fork Big River, in the County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 14 and 23; Township 19 North, Range 15 West, HB&M.**

**Findings**

CDFW has considered the MND adopted for the project and has concluded that the Agreement should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein. On the basis of the record before CDFW, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. CDFW finds that the MND reflects CDFW's independent judgment and analysis. In this regard, CDFW hereby adopts the findings set forth in the MND insofar as they pertain to the Project's impacts on biological resources.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 07/02/2020

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