

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019100230

Project Title: Mainstem Ten Mile River and Mill Creek Habitat Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-53886-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino County): The project to be completed is located within the Ten Mile River watershed, approximately 8 miles northeast of the town of Fort Bragg, County of Mendocino, State of California. The project is located in Sections 26 and 35, T20N, R17W, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Dutchmans Knoll U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 015-140-60-00 and 015-140-87-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MEN-53886-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, The Nature Conservancy.

This agreement authorizes The Nature Conservancy to implement aquatic habitat restoration actions on the mainstem of Ten Mile River and Mill Creek. These actions include constructing side channels and alcoves, creating an off-channel wetland pond, installing large wood structures, modifying existing large wood structures, and removing sections of an existing levee.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on January 24, 2025, 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. 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** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Michael van Hattem Date: 1/24/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____