



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 7 March 2025

State Clearinghouse Number:
2019100230

Project Title:
Coyote Creek Wetlands Restoration Project (Project) 5A52CR00244

Project Location - Specific:
The Project site is located on and adjacent to Coyote Creek, approximately 4 miles south of Red Bluff in Tehama County, California. It is located within Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21 of Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Mt. Diablo Baseline and Meridian. The Project is centered at Latitude: 40.0961° and Longitude: -122.2207°.

Project Location - County:
Tehama County

Name of Applicant:
Christopher Gurney
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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project will restore, create, enhance and preserve vernal pool, vernal swale, emergent marsh, stream channel, and riparian habitat on the 112.72-acre Project site. Project elements that affect aquatic resources include excavating and grading activities associated with restoration and enhancement of existing aquatic features on site, the filling of an intermittent stream channel, and installation of beaver dam analogues within Coyote Creek. The Project is expected to result in a net increase in aquatic and riparian resource functions within the Project site.

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Lead Agency, approved the above-described project on 7 March 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Statewide Restoration General Order as prepared by State Water Resources Control Board.
2. The Project will not result in any new or more severe environmental effects that are peculiar to the Project which were not previously analyzed as significant effects in the PEIR.
3. No additional environmental review is required for the Project.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the PEIR.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted under the PEIR.
6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted under the PEIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The final PEIR with comments and responses is available to the general public at:

[SCH 2019100230 SRGO Final PEIR](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2022/sr-go-final-peir-combined.pdf)

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The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/)

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