

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

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019109083**Project Title:** Via Verdi Slope Stabilization Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0169-R3)**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at San Pablo Creek, in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.966553, Longitude -122.318838; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 414-202-128, 414-340-001, 414-340-002, 414-360-041, and 420-021-038.**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0169-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the City of Richmond.

The project is limited to the installation of a new concrete culvert, with the dimensions of 19 feet tall, by 24 feet wide, by 350 feet long, as a means of stabilizing an active landslide located on Via Verdi adjacent to San Pablo Creek. The creek channel and existing road infrastructure will be excavated to accomplish this. The new culvert will connect to an existing 400-foot culvert located southwest of the project area. The total 750-foot reach of new and existing culvert will have a roughened channel engineered stream bottom installed. The original 2017 road alignment for Via Verdi will be repaved upon installation of the culvert, backfilling, and regrading of the project area. Excavated and disturbed areas susceptible to erosion will be stabilized with rock slope protection, live willow staking, brush mattress installation, natural fiber blanket overlay, container planting, and hydroseed application.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on June 3rd, 2021, 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 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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 of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____