

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020040082

Project Title: Eel River Bridge Replacement Project EA 01-0A131; Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-18928-R1C

Project Location (include county): The project is located on State Route (SR) 162 in Mendocino County, near the unincorporated city of Longvale, approximately 8.2 to 8.3 miles east of U.S. Highway 101 at the Eel River Bridge (Bridge No. 10-0236) over the mainstem of the Eel River, at Latitude 39.373451, Longitude -123.204115.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MEN-18928-R1C, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Katie Everett, representing the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Caltrans proposes to replace the Eel River Bridge with a new structure on a new alignment. The new structure is a 3-span, 320-foot-long, 45-foot-tall, 37-foot wide, Cast-In-Place (CIP) concrete box girder bridge and will be built to the southeast, approximately 35 feet upstream from the existing bridge. The new structure will have 12-foot-wide lanes and 4-foot shoulders. The centerline of the roadway will shift southeast by approximately 35 feet. After the new bridge and roadway are constructed 35 feet to the southeast, traffic will be directed to the new structure and the existing bridge will be removed. Banks below the new finished bridge will be stabilized and armored with RSP. The bridge will be accessed primarily by a temporary construction road on the north shore, leading onto the gravel bar under the northern side of the bridge. The bridge may also be accessed through a second temporary access road from the south end of the bridge. Dewatering will occur during bridge construction and bridge removal using cofferdams or water bladders. Falsework and a temporary trestle will require driven H-piles pipe piles, CIDH piles, or Cast in Steel Shell (CISS) pile for support. Construction is expected to be completed within two to three construction seasons.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 05/12/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will / 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 / 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 / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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.

Signature Rebecca Garwood **Date:** 5/12/2022
Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____