

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020060581

Project Title: Three Bridges Replacement Project EA 01-0C500; Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-25051-R1C

Project Location (include county): The project is located in Humboldt County, on State Route (SR) 36 between post mile (PM) 11.3 to 34.6 across perennial tributaries within the Lower Eel Watershed. From U.S. Route 101 take the SR 36 East exit. Hely Creek Bridge is located on SR 36 approximately three miles east of the town of Carlotta at PM 11.46. Little Larabee Creek Bridge is located on SR 36 approximately fourteen miles east of Hely Creek at PM 25.27. Butte Creek Bridge is located on SR 36 approximately nine miles east of Little Larabee Creek at PM 34.52.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-HUM-25051-R1C, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Tariq Chechi, representing the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to upgrade bridge rails and shoulder widths of the Hely Creek Bridge, Little Larabee Creek Bridge and Butte Creek Bridge located at Post Miles (PMs) 11.46, 25.27, and 34.52, respectively. The existing bridges at Hely and Butte Creek would be replaced, and the bridge at Little Larabee Creek would be widened. The purpose of the project is to upgrade bridge rails to meet current design standards and improve shoulder widths.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 05/11/2022 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.

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Signature _____ Date: 5/11/2022
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Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____