

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020090170

**Project Title:** Lindo Channel Defensible Space Project, Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS Notification No. BUT-38115-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located along Lindo Channel, City of Chico, Butte County, California, from Highway 99, Latitude 39.751343, Longitude -121.839439 to Manzanita Avenue, Latitude 39.760347, Longitude, -121.801799.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-38115-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the City of Chico.

The project proposes to improve wildfire safety, reduce fire hazards and create defensible space along Lindo Channel from Highway 99 to Manzanita Avenue in-between homes bordering the channels open space in the City of Chico. This will be accomplished through thinning, chipping and grazing by goats or other small livestock. Treatment will limit growth of tall grasses and smaller shrubs. No work will be conducted within 50 feet of or in Lindo Channel. The initial thinning area would be approximately 44 acres, and annual livestock grazing would occur across 96 acres.

Initial work would involve manual thinning of woody vegetation while leaving root systems intact using hand tools (e.g., saws, weed wrenches, pole saws, and loppers), chainsaws, and rubber-tired equipment to minimize ground disturbance. Most of the activities would concentrate on removing and reducing shrub and understory vegetation. Crews would also focus on removing dead or unstable trees while thinning smaller live trees. Live trees over 4-inch diameter at breast height will only be removed if it poses an immediate hazard to structures.

**This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below 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.

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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 execution of the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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*Jennifer Garcia*  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/4/2023  
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