

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020090452

**Project Title:** Bruce Road Widening and Reconstruction Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-14322-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located along Bruce Road from State Route 32 to Skyway in the City of Chico, Butte County, California. Latitude 39.727142, Longitude -121.787372.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number BUT-14322-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, City of Chico as represented by Tracy Bettencourt.

The proposed project involves the reconstruction and widening of an approximately 2-mile segment of Bruce Road from State Route 32 (SR 32) to Skyway utilizing roller compacted concrete pavement. The proposed "complete streets" improvements include widening Bruce Road from an existing 2-lane arterial roadway to a 4-lane arterial roadway, and replacement of the existing two-lane Bruce Road bridge over Little Chico Creek (Caltrans Bridge# 12C01 06) with a new four-lane bridge structure. The new, approximately 96-feet long by 96.5-feet wide bridge will accommodate four lanes of traffic, a center median, pedestrian/bicycle facilities consisting of a Class I bike path on the west side of Bruce Road, and a sidewalk on the east side. The new bridge will be comprised of three-span, cast-in-place, reinforced concrete slab superstructure founded on pile supported abutments and 16-inch diameter multi-column piers supported on spread footings. The ultimate roadway design includes construction of the following: a 14-foot landscaped center median; roadway lighting; 5-foot bike lanes with 2-foot buffered striping on both east and west sides of Bruce Road; dedicated left turn lanes at various intersections; concrete curb, gutter, and curb ramps; and a 12-footwide concrete multi-use path on the west side of Bruce Road. The project also includes storm drainage improvements such as bioretention facilities, drainage pipe, manholes, and curb inlets, as well as minor extension of sewer facilities where required.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above-described 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 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.

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6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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

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*Kelley Barker*

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/2/2021

Kelley Barker, Environmental Program Manager