

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021040328

**Project Title:** Salem Street Bridge Replacement Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-27468-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the Salem Street bridge over Little Chico Creek in the City of Chico, in the County of Butte, State of California, Latitude 39.723867, Longitude -121.836298, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map [Chico], Assessor Parcel Number 004-280-900.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number BUT-27468-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, City of Chico as represented by Tracy Bettencourt.

The project is limited to the removal and reconstruction of the Salem Street bridge over Little Chico Creek. The new bridge will accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes, 5-foot shoulders and 6-foot sidewalks and will be constructed on the same alignment as the existing bridge. The profile will be lowered slightly, while maintaining the same bridge soffit elevation as the existing structure. The new bridge is anticipated to be a single-span cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete slab, approximately 70 feet long. Construction of the bridge will involve excavation for and construction of concrete abutments, found on deep foundations. Other temporary work within Little Chico Creek includes falsework erection and removal, and installation of approximately 276 cubic yards of rock slope protection (RSP) at the abutments. Little Chico Creek is a seasonal creek and construction is anticipated to proceed without the need for a temporary water diversion system. Construction of the roadway approaches will involve removal of existing pavement and placement of aggregate base and hot mix asphalt pavement. New curb, gutter and sidewalk will be constructed on the approach roadways and will connect with the existing pedestrian facilities. Tree and vegetation removal is expected along the creek.

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):

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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 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*  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/14/2022

Jennifer Garcia, Environmental Program Manager