

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2021070412

Project Title: Elk Creek Bridge Replacement Project, EA 01-0E110 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-31736-R1C)

Project Location: The proposed project is located on State Route (SR) 1 in Mendocino County at PM 31.4, approximately 8.76 miles south of the intersection of SR 128 and SR 1, and 2.42 miles south of the town of Elk. It is within the Mallo Pass Creek U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle, in Township 14N, Range 17W, Section 1, and the north end of the project is at approximately 39.103581, -123.701357.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MEN-31736-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation.

The purpose of the project is to replace the Elk Creek Bridge. The existing 122-foot-long, 3-span bridge (Bridge No. 10-0120) and approach roadway will be replaced with a new, 140-foot-long, full-span, cast-in-place bridge structure. Work includes construction of a temporary, one-lane, 22.5-foot-wide, 140-foot-long bridge and temporary roadway approaches east of the current bridge alignment, demolition of the existing bridge, and construction of a wider full span structure, with widened bridge approaches to accommodate transitions from the bridge to the existing roadway, and upgrades to bridge rails and approach guardrails. Project activities also include vegetation removal, construction of temporary access roads, installation of a temporary clear water diversion and dewatering of the construction site, pile driving, removal of existing rock slope protection, drainage modifications, erosion control, and onsite revegetation. The project includes on-site restoration activities to improve habitat conditions and to mitigate for take of listed species. A separate off-site mitigation project is proposed at Saunder's Landing.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 12/05/2022 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 prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan 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.

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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 project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Scott Bauer Date: 12/23/2022
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____