

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2021110418

Project Title: Rockport Culverts Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-29389-R1C)

Project Location: This Project is located in Mendocino County on State Route (SR) 1 between post miles (PMs) 85.09 and 88.95, approximately 23 miles north of the town of Fort Bragg.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS- MEN-29389-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation.

This Agreement authorizes Caltrans to remove and replace three culvert drainage systems. Work will occur with standard measures and best management practices described in the Notification. To avoid potential impacts to Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis occidentalis*) breeding habitat, no construction activities generating noise levels greater than 90 dB (with the exception of backup alarms) would occur between February 1 and July 31 at all culvert locations.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 6/26/2023 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 as 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.

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 by:

Signature: Angela Liebenberg Date: 6/26/2023
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____