

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021120196

**Project Title:** Restoring the Deer Creek Headwaters at Childs Meadow Project -Streambed Alteration Agreement (No. EPIMS-TEH-30001-R1) and Restoration Management Permit (No. RMP-2022-0006-R1)

**Project Location (Tehama):** The Project area is located approximately 10 miles east of the town of Mineral, on State Route 36E/89. The Project area lies within the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Childs Meadow quadrangle map (T27N R3W, Mount Diablo Meridian) at approximately: Lat 40°21'04.6"N Long -121°29'49.5"W (Northwest corner of the project area).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement ([EPIMS-TEH-30001-R1]), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Resource Conservation District of Tehama County. Further, CDFW has issued a Restoration Management Permit for the Project, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivision (a), to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County for the Project.

The Project is designed to primarily utilize low-tech, process-based restoration techniques to bring the site conditions within Childs Meadow back to a more natural state. Decades of grazing have left Deer Creek and the associated drainages severely incised, and as a result Childs Meadow has lost much of its water holding capability, with a resultant loss of wet meadow complex, fen, and riparian vegetation. Project components include: installation of beaver dam analogues throughout project area, install post-assisted log structures throughout project area, mechanical fill techniques to repair severely incised areas, hand fill techniques to repair incised channels, and revegetation with native plants.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 9/23/2022 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 Monitoring Plan was 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:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Curt Babcock, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_