

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022010387

Project Title: Natomas Cross Canal Stability Berm and Channel Habitat Enhancements Project
(Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SUT-18002-R2)

Project Location: The project is located on the Natomas Main Drainage/Cross Canal approximately 1 mile downstream from the confluence of the Feather and Sacramento Rivers, in the County of Sutter, State of California; Latitude 38.779917, Longitude -121.604189; Assessor's Parcel Number 034-140-006-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number SUT-18002-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Reclamation District 1001.

The Project consists of re-grading and enhancing approximately 14.5 acres of island habitat within the North Cross Canal (NCC), 1.5 acres of the NCC channel, and 15 acres of the NCC north levee. The Project will improve flood protection through strengthening of the NCC north levee and will enhance the aquatic and riparian habitat within the NCC channel. The Project will improve flood protection by constructing a buttress along portions of the NCC levee and plant additional riparian vegetation to act as natural wind-induced wave defense. The Project will also enhance ecosystem processes with a focus on creating non-natal rearing habitat for Sacramento River winter-run Chinook Salmon with potential ancillary benefits to other salmonids, green sturgeon, and other native flora and fauna. Fish screens will also be installed on existing intakes in the NCC to prevent fish entrainment.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above-described 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 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 / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.

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

The mitigated negative declaration / 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 Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ Date: 6/19/2023

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