

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022020586

Project Title: EA 10-0J720_ALP-4 PM 0.03-21.01 Pavement Anchor (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. ALP-44741-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at multiple locations including Bear Creek, Blood's Creek, Silver Creek, Kinney Creek and their unnamed tributaries; unnamed tributaries to the North Fork Stanislaus River; and various unnamed streams along State Route (SR) 4, starting from post mile (PM) 0.03 and ending at PM 21.01 in the County of Alpine, State of California; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle maps Tamarack, Spicer Meadow Reservoir, Pacific Valley, Ebbett's Pass, Wolf Creek, and Heenan Lake.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number ALP-44741-R2 pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation – District 10, as represented by Daniel K. Ha.

The project includes 21 culvert removal and replacements, ditch grading between PM 0.62 and PM 0.77, and placement of Class II rock slope protection (RSP) at each culvert location and in the stream zone on the north inlet side of SR 4 east at PM 0.92. Using the cut-and-cover method, existing culverts will be replaced with reinforced concrete pipe culverts with rubber gasket joints or concrete box culverts. Culvert work will consist of replacing culverts and overside drains, installing headwalls, concrete flared end sections, and stress reducing slabs; and placing RSP at the inlets, outlets, and outfalls of the culverts. Trimming and removal of shrubby and woody vegetation within riparian habitat will be performed at each proposed site as necessary. Heavy equipment may be used to haul trees off site once felled. Temporary water diversion will be required at multiple locations prior to any in-channel work if there is flowing or

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standing water. 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):

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.

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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Tanya Sheya
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Signature: _____ Date: 3/12/2024

Tanya Sheya, Environmental Program Manager