

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022040021

Project Title: Van Norden Meadow Restoration and Recreation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-30248-R2)

Project Location: The project is located in Lytton and Castle Creeks, tributaries of the South Yuba River in the Donner Summit area of Placer and Nevada Counties, State of California; Latitude 39.31106, Longitude -120.35618, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 069-020-072-000, 047-440-022-000, 047-440-023-000, 047-440-015-000, 069-020-076-000, 069-020-066-000, and 018-560-002-000, located southeast of the intersection of Donner Pass and Soda Springs Roads.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-30248-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, South Yuba River Citizens League, as represented by Alecia Weisman.

The project is limited to restoration of 485 acres of high elevation meadow habitat and establishment of a non-motorized trail system that circumnavigates the meadow in Placer and Nevada counties on Donner Summit at the headwaters of the Upper South Yuba River. There are four categories the proposed actions fall under: stream channel restoration, conifer treatment, road improvements, and recreation infrastructure improvements.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Streambed Alteration Agreement for the project 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 / 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 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 / 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 Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Jennifer Garcia
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Signature: _____ Date: 8/9/2022

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