

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022060223

Project Title: EA 10-1F250_SR 120 (SR 26 & 12) Tuolumne Drainage System (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. CAL-44383-R2.)

Project Location: The project is located at multiple locations including an unnamed tributary to Bear Creek, Indian Creek and its unnamed tributaries, and unnamed tributaries to Cosgrove Creek in the County of Calaveras, State of California; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute quadrangle maps Wallace, West Point, Valley Springs, and Valley Springs Southwest. The project sites are located at post mile (PM) 2.44 on State Route (SR) 12 and along SR 26, with the first site located at PM 4.59 and last site at PM 37.52.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number CAL-44383-R2 pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation – District 10, as represented by Allen Lao.

The project includes 12 culvert replacements and one culvert rehabilitation. The project is part of a larger roadway rehabilitation project along various state routes (SR 26, 12, 108, and 120) in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties. Using the cut-and-cover method, existing culverts will be excavated and replaced with reinforced concrete pipes. Culvert work will consist of the following: installation of new flared end sections, straight headwalls, stress reducing slabs, dike, and overside drain; placement of rock slope protection (RSP); ditch stabilization, construction, and grading; extension of culvert pipe; and concrete paving within the invert of an existing box culvert. Temporary water diversion systems will be installed and removed as necessary for any in-stream work where there is stream flow or standing water. Trimming and removal of vegetation within riparian habitat will be performed as necessary. 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

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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
Signature: _____ Date: 3/19/2024
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