

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022120577

**Project Title:** Kopta Slough Multi-Benefit Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. [EPIMS-TEH-29510-R1])

**Project Location (Tehama):** The project is located along the Sacramento River in the vicinity of Kopta Slough between river mile (RM) 219 and 222 in Tehama County, California. The project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.936° and Longitude: -122.098°.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-THE-29510-R1), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Department of Water Resources, 2440 Main St., Red Bluff, CA 96080.

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore Sacramento River floodplain habitat and hydrologic and geomorphic connection function in the vicinity of Kopta Slough between river mile (RM) 219 and 222. The objectives are:

- Restore, enhance, and conserve floodplain habitat;
- Restore hydrologic and geomorphic function;
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat;
- Reduce flood management system operation and maintenance costs and responsibilities; and
- Facilitate the enhancement of recreation opportunities.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 8, 2023 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 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 project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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For Curt Babcock (Environmental Program Manager)

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