

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108  
**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022090418

**Project Title:** Carlotta Shoulder Widening Project, EA 01-0J890 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-40856-R1C)

**Project Location:** This Project is located in Humboldt County on State Route 36 at post mile 4.39, between the census designated place of Hydesville and the unincorporated community of Carlotta.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-40856-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation. The Project will replace existing 6'11" tall by 10'8" diameter, 58'6" long arched culvert with a 60'4" wide bridge with a span of 46'6". The design of the new structure will improve fish passage. The project will also remove the defunct bridge and associated roadbed approximately 100 feet downstream of the current SR 36 culvert. The defunct bridge is 68 feet long by 21 feet wide with approximately 1,430 square feet of bridge deck. Ward Creek within this area will be recontoured and revegetated to restore the stream channel function and avoid erosion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 05/28/2024, 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 project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office:

Approved by: Michael van Hatten Date: 5/28/2024  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_