

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108  
**State Clearinghouse Number:** [2022100650](#)

**Project Title:** EEL RIVER BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT, EA 01-48400 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-53808-R1C)

**Project Location:** This project is located in Humboldt County on U.S. Highway 101 between post miles (PMs) 30.7 and M53.7 and M54.3 near the town of Rio Dell. The project Latitude/Longitude is 40.509630, -124.119823.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-53808-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation.

In accordance with the Notification and supporting documents, the purpose of the project is to partially replace and seismically retrofit the northbound U.S. Highway 101 Eel River Bridge (Bridge No. 04-0016R) from PMs R53.7 to M54.3. The project would replace existing bridge spans 1 through 4 (south abutment to pier 5) with a cast-in-place, prestressed, box girder bridge. The remaining piers 5 through 8 would be seismically retrofitted. The highway will be realignment at the bridge approach and will include construction of a retaining wall.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 04/30/2025 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 not** 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:

Signature: Michael van Hatten Date: 4/30/2025

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