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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023070286

Project Title: System Protection at Kohler and Sonoma Creek Crossings (California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2024-026-03 (ITP))

Project Location: The System Protection at Kohler and Sonoma Creek Crossings (Project) is located along Kohler Creek and Sonoma Creek, at 13965 Arnold Drive, within the Town of Glen Ellen, Sonoma County. The Project is located approximately 400 feet north of the intersection of Arnold Drive and Hill Road at approximately 38.359021°N, -122.525079°W. The Project site is bounded by Arnold Drive to the west, residential development to the east, and Sonoma Creek to the north and south. The Project is located within the Glen Ellen U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute topographic quadrangle map and in Section 16 of Township 6 North, Range 6 West.

Project Description: The Project is designed to protect Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's (SVCSD) existing underground sanitary sewer collection pipelines that service the Glen Ellen area and convey sewage to the SVCSD treatment plant; specifically, a 16-inch diameter main sewer trunk line that crosses Kohler Creek and a 6-inch diameter lateral sewer pipeline that crosses Sonoma Creek. The pipelines and their associated concrete casings which cross the creek beds have become exposed due to scour, requiring protection to prevent them from failure. The Project includes permanent repairs along Kohler and Sonoma creeks using a combination of rock slope protection, fabric reinforced fill structures built with biodegradable fabrics, log rootwad revetments, brush mattresses, and native vegetation. In addition, the pipeline across Sonoma Creek will be armored in its current location with large boulders. The Project will also include revegetation with native plants and installation of habitat improvement elements for aquatic species in Sonoma Creek. Construction within the dewatered portion of Sonoma Creek will be completed within one season from June 15 through October 15. Project staging will occur in uplands on-site. Access will occur along an existing driveway off Arnold Drive.

The Project will result in impacts to 290 linear feet (0.36 acres) of California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*) aquatic habitat including temporary impacts to 270 linear feet (0.35 acres) from dewatering; the Project will permanently remove 20 linear feet (0.01 acres) of California freshwater shrimp aquatic habitat. The Project will also result in temporary impacts to 210 linear feet (0.04 acres) of California freshwater shrimp habitat located above the wetted portion of Sonoma Creek during Project construction, within the same length of stream that will be dewatered. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California freshwater shrimp, which is designated as an endangered species under CESA. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 4/9/2025 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [ will /  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. [ An environmental impact report /  A mitigated negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings [ were /  were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
- 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* 4/9/2025 \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Chappell, *Regional Manager*

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