

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002112033

Project Title: Windsor Extension Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0190-R3)

Project Location (include county): The project spans approximately 3.5 miles within Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District's railroad right-of-way. South to north, the project area extends from Airport Boulevard in Santa Rosa to approximately 0.45 miles northwest of Windsor River Road in the Town of Windsor, Sonoma County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0190-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District.

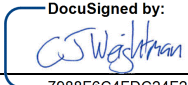
The project is limited to the construction of approximately 3.5 miles of passenger rail service from the existing train station immediately south of Airport Boulevard in Santa Rosa to 0.45 miles northwest of Windsor River Road in the Town of Windsor, along the Northwestern Pacific Railroad rail corridor. Construction activities associated with the project include rehabilitation of the existing track, improvements to grade crossings, replacement and repair of various bridges, replacement of drainage culverts, installation of new culverts, construction of one new station platform and existing facilities, installation of a new signal system, installation of safety structures within a portion of the right-of-way, and construction of approximately 2 miles of non-motorized pathways. The three project components impacting streams are trackwork, bridge replacement, and culvert replacement and installation. Approximately 29 riparian trees, 6 inches in diameter at breast height and larger, will be removed as part of the project. They include the following species: valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*), red willow (*Salix laevigata*), and arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) (Exhibit D). In total, the project will permanently impact approximately 21,868 square feet along 1,784 feet of streams.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on May 27, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Notice of Determination

Signature  *Date:* June 12, 2020
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Craig Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

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