

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002112033

Project Title: Riparian Mitigation at Crane Creek Regional Park – Poppy Drainage (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SON-51242-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Poppy Drainage and three unnamed tributaries, in an unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.345858°, Longitude - 122.644227°; within the Crane Creek Regional Park, Assessor's Parcel Number 047-251-003.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SON-51242-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit.

The project is limited to the enhancement of the riparian zone surrounding Poppy Drainage and three unnamed tributaries in the form of invasive plant removal, erosion and headcut repair, and native riparian plantings to offset the impacts from the project permitted under Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SON-23219-R3. Riparian restoration will restore and enhance approximately 1.3 acres and 2,255 linear feet of riparian habitat. As part of the restoration effort, approximately 131 native riparian trees will be planted on-site. The project also includes installation of irrigation infrastructure within the project site.

Restoration and enhancement activities will maintain a vegetated alluvial channel with appropriately placed grade control elements to establish and maintain a stable cross section and longitudinal profile. Grade control structures are proposed to attenuate the propagation of multiple headcuts within the project reach. The stabilization elements will include grade control structures and riprap revetment within the channel and energy dissipation at the stormwater outfalls. These structures are installed to achieve a flatter bed slope based on the expected long-term stable slope. The rehabilitation effort focuses on a multi-stage channel geometry that seeks to re-establish a riparian corridor with hydraulic connection to a functional floodplain. The revegetation plan also matches the staged geometry, where hydrologic zones determine the locations of wetland, riparian, and upland plant species. To prepare planting zones for new native plantings, invasive Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and Fuller's teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) will be cleared through a combination of mechanical removal and targeted herbicide application. Mechanical treatment of the Himalayan blackberry will consist of using hand tools.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 30, 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 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** 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** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Final EIR 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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Signature: **Craig J Weightman** **Date:** 1/14/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____