

## **Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018122049

**Project Title:** Emerald Choice Operation and Maintenance of Diversion and Crossings (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-43698-R11)

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located at Grass Valley Creek, a tributary to the Trinity River, near the community of Lewiston in Trinity County; 40.68395°N, 122.86141°W; 200 Coffin Road, Township 33N, Range 9W, Section 26, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 025-180-038-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-TRI-43698-R11, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Emerald Choice, Inc, as represented by Natalie McNamara.

The project is limited to the operation and maintenance of an existing diversion utilizing a concrete culvert seep well, located on the eastern bank of Grass Valley Creek, for both irrigation and domestic purposes. Three 36-inch corrugated metal culverts were installed under a previous Agreement (1600-2017-0279-R1) and will be maintained in their current state.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 29, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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.

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.

Signature:  Date: 4/26/2024

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