

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: Domestic Water Supply Diversion (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0534-R1)

Project Location (Trinity): The project is located on an unnamed tributary to Little Grass Valley Creek. The point of diversion (POD) is located at Section 4, Township 32N, Range 08W, Lewiston U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle, Mount Diablo Meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 015-210-034-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2019-0534-R1, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Vanja Popovic.

The Project consists of the continued use of an existing surface water diversion on an unnamed intermittent tributary to Little Grass Valley Creek. The diversion is active year-round. Approximately 200 gallons of water is diverted per day for domestic use. At no time is this diversion used for irrigation of commercial cannabis. Cannabis irrigation is sourced from a permitted groundwater well approximately 200 feet in depth, producing an average of ten gallons per minute. Maintenance activities include inspecting the water lines and tanks on a regular basis and making repairs as needed. An additional tributary to Little Grass Valley Creek is conveyed under the cultivation site for approximately 600 feet via single thirty six-inch diameter corrugated metal culvert (CMP). This culvert is a legacy feature installed by a previous parcel owner. The inlets of this culvert require periodic maintenance which includes hand removal of sediment. Maintenance does not include replacement or modification of any part of the structure.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 6, 2023 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.

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- 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.

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Curt Babcock
Signature: _____ Date: 7/6/2023
Curt Babcock, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____