

## **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:** Diversion of Water for Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Domestic Purposes (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0677-R1)

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located at a spring-fed unnamed tributary to Reading Creek; Township 32N, Range 9W, Section 32 Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; 40.584871°N, 122.906999° W; 850 Blanchard Flat Road near Douglas City.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2019-0677-R1), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Aneliya Nikolova.

The project is limited to diversion of surface water from a spring-fed tributary to Reading Creek for both commercial cannabis cultivation and domestic purposes. This Agreement allows for surface water diversion from the existing spring box located on APN 015-190-84-00. Water is gravity fed 1600-foot downslope via an existing 1.25-inch PVC buried pipeline at a maximum rate of 500 gallons per day.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 8, 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.

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- 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.

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