

## 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:** **John Mahony Culvert Replacement** Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No.1600-2019-0917-R1

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located on an unnamed tributary to the Eel River in Trinity County, CA; T04S, R06E, section 29, Humboldt Base and Meridian, Jewett Rock U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle, County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 022-060-31-00 & 022-060-32-00, 5250 Lauffer Road, Island Mountain.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0917-R1, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, John Mahony.

The project consists of the replacement of one undersized culvert on unnamed ephemeral tributary to the Eel River. The existing fifteen-inch diameter culvert is incapable of conveying the flow of a 100-year storm event and will be removed and replaced with a twenty-four-inch culvert at stream grade and alignment. All existing fill material will be excavated to native soil to remove unstable debris and any voids. If the new culvert cannot be set to stream grade, it will be installed to the lower one-third of the fill face and a downspout and/or energy dissipater such as competently sized rock slope protection (RSP) will be installed at the outfall as needed to prevent erosion. Any backfill material will be compacted and free of rocks, limb, or other debris that could result in seepage around the culvert pipe.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 5, 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.

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