

## 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:** **Growing Natural, LLC** (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-00458-R1)

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located on Barker Creek in Trinity County, CA; T32N, R11W, Section 33, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Hayfork Summit quadrangle, County Assessor's Parcel Number 015-420-16-00, 1351 Barker Valley Road, Hayfork.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2019-0458-R1), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, **Nikolay Veltchev**

The project consists of the removal of an existing legacy infiltration well directly adjacent to Barker Creek. The well consists of a cistern located approximately twenty feet from Barker Creek set in the ground at a depth of approximately twelve feet. The cistern structure will be removed by winch and cable, and the cavity will be backfilled with clean washed rock. All piping and associated infrastructure will be disconnected and removed. The project will require ground disturbance and hand trimming of vegetation. No work within Barker Creek is anticipated or necessary.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 26, 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.
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: Curt Babcock Date: 7/26/2023  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_