

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: Water Diversion and Culvert Removal Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-12227-R1)

Project Location (Trinity): The project is located on Reading Creek, tributary to the Trinity River near the community of Douglas City; 40.575672, -122.878367; Section 4, Township 31N, Range 9W, U.S. Geological Survey map Hoosimbim Mountain, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 017-150-032-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-TRI-12227-R1), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, David Mallinson.

The project is limited to the diversion of water from Reading Creek and the removal and decommissioning of a legacy stream crossing. Water will be diverted at an existing diversion intake for both commercial cannabis irrigation and domestic purposes. Water for cannabis irrigation will be stored in storage tanks and in a rain catchment pond. Water intended for domestic uses shall be stored separately from water intended for cannabis irrigation. An existing undersized culvert will be removed and the driveway relocated to avoid crossing the stream. Existing fill slopes will be excavated to match the surrounding slope of the stream bank.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 1, 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.

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Signature: Curt Babcock Date: 8/1/2023
Curt Babcock, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____