

## 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:** Princeton Company Seep Well Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0757-R1)

**Project Location (Trinity):** The project is located on Salt Creek in Trinity County at 1060 13 Dips Road, near the community of Peanut; 40.447725°, -123.147533°, APN 019-100-030-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2019-0757-R1, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Matthew Williams representing Princeton Company, LLC.

The project is limited to two diversions from Salt Creek, one being a new surface diversion and one being from an existing shallow well that diverts hydrologically connected hyporheic flow. Either diversion point may be used during the winter diversion season to fill a man-made off channel pond to irrigate commercial cannabis. The new diversion will be an electric pump fitted with a fish screen meeting state and federal requirements for anadromous salmonids. Any water diverted directly from the seep well for non-cannabis purposes shall be separately metered from water diverted from the pond.


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

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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:  Date: 11/8/2023  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_