

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2000011033

Project Title: State Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project – Cholame Section (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0139-R4)

Project Location: The **Project** will occur at two locations north of the existing State Route (SR) 46, the White Canyon Creek crossing is approximately 2 miles west of the SR 41/46 junction, and the Cholame Creek crossing is approximately 4.4 miles west of the SR 41/46 junction between the communities of Shandon and Cholame in San Luis Obispo, California. The Project Locations are located within Section 36 of Township 25 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M) and within Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, MDB&M. The Project Locations are depicted on the *Cholame, California* United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Quadrangle.

Project Description: The Project involves the construction of new stream crossings over Cholame Creek and White Canyon Creek, and the removal of the existing structures from each stream, as part of the greater SR 46 realignment.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described Project on 6/18/2021 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 Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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Date: 6/18/2021

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____