

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108  
**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2008082128

**Project Title:** Del Norte STAA Improvements Project – 2025 (EA 01-0N290) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-DEL-56347-R1C)


**Project Location:** This Project is located in Del Norte County on State Route (SR) 197 between post miles (PMs) 3.2 and 4.0, and U.S. Highway 199 between PMs 20.3 and 26.5. These locations are north and east of the town of Crescent City.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-DEL-56347-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation. In accordance with the Notification and supporting documents, the purpose of the project is to construct roadway improvements to allow the reclassification of the SR 197-U.S. 199 corridor as part of the industry standard Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) network of truck routes. These improvements include widening lanes and modifying curve geometry at identified locations to accommodate standard STAA-sized vehicles while maintaining and improving safety for the traveling public. Five of the seven project locations require drainage and bridge work, and these locations were included as Notification projects.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 29, 2025, 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 as a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office:

Signature:  Date: 5/29/2025  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_