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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018082048

**Project Title:** Novato Boulevard Improvements Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MAN-34583-R3)

**Project Location (Marin):** The Project is located at Novato Creek, in the County of Marin, State of California; Latitude 38.10370°, Longitude -122.57341°.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MAN-34583-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of Novato.

The Project is limited to replacement of an existing drainage outfall, placement of rock slope protection (RSP), and vegetation thinning and removal along Novato Creek bank. The outfall consists of a 24-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe that will be replaced at one foot

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depth lower than the existing pipe. Construction of the new drainage outfall will include digging a temporary 8 foot wide by 22 foot long trench, resulting in 12 square feet of temporary impacts to Novato Creek bank and 176 square feet of temporary impacts to riparian vegetation, totaling 188 square feet for temporary impacts. There will be a total of 3 square feet and 1 linear foot of permanent impacts to Novato Creek bank by the removal and replacement of RSP. Tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) and French broom (*Genista monosperulana*), which are non-native and invasive species, and an ornamental fruit tree (*Prunus* sp.) will be removed within the riparian woodland. No in-water work will occur.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on March 17, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to Section 15096, subdivision (i) of the California Code of Regulations:

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:  Date: 3/17/2026

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Date Received for filing at LCI: