

## Notice of Determination

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Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2006072012

**Project Title:** Groves Crossing Decommissioning Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-52648-R1C)

**Project Location (Mendocino):** The Project to be completed is located within the Big-Navarro-Garcia River watershed, approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the town of Comptche, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 5, Township 16N, Range 16W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Mathison Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 125-020-08 and 125-020-07; latitude 39.27443 N and longitude 123-67327 W at the first stream crossing (PT-155).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement ([EPIMS-MEN-52648-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Taylor Groves, representing CA Department of Parks and Recreation, Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District.

This Agreement relies on the Notification materials and a CDFW site visit on January 8, 2025. The Project is limited to nine (9) encroachments to decommission existing stream crossings. Work for these encroachments will include excavation and removal of the existing culverts and road fill material, restoration of the stream channel to historic grade and 1.5 times the average channel width (or as close as feasible based on equipment capabilities), placement of the excavated road fill along the cut bank of the road to restore natural hillside slope, and restoration of the stream banks to natural grade. The stream will be replanted with on-site salvaged ferns after project completion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 22, 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 **Mitigated Negative Declaration** 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 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.

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The Mitigated Negative Declaration 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: Angela Liebenberg Date: 7/2/2025  
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Date Received for filing at LCI: