

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016122004

Project Title: Butte Sink Mitigation Bank Restoration Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. COL-56051-R2)

Project Location: The project is located along Butte Creek and its associated floodplain at the terminus of Laux Road, approximately two miles northeast of the City of Colusa; Latitude 39.22954, Longitude -121.94512.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number COL-56051-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Butte Sink Mitigation, LLC.

The Butte Sink Mitigation Bank Restoration Project (Project) will restore approximately 191.41 acres of farmed rice land into floodplain riparian habitat for the benefit of Sacramento River winter-run and Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmonids (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) as well as California Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and preserve existing riparian and shaded riverine aquatic habitat. Project activities include: grading of floodplain and breaching farm berms; construction of rolling dips, return flow channels, and Butte Creek side channels; re-routing of the Highline Canal; installation of debris racks; and planting and seeding to create native riparian habitat.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above-described Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below 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.

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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 made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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 execution of the above Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____
Tanya Sheya, Environmental Program Manager

Date: 4/1/2026