

**Notice of Determination**

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research **FROM:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**LEAD AGENCY (if different from above):**  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to § 21108 of the Public Resources Code**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019100230

Project Title: Black Oak Ranch Water Conservation and Habitat Enhancement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-46611-R1C)

Project Location: The Project to be completed is located within the South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 5 miles northwest of the community of Laytonville, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 21, T22N, R15W and Section 22, T22N, R15W, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Cahto Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 013-560-46 and 013-560-47; latitude 39.7422 and longitude -123.5325 at the Streeter Creek Point of Diversion (POD).

Project Description: The Project is limited to three encroachments. The encroachments are for water diversion from three separate locations including Streeter Creek, an unnamed Tributary to Ten Mile Creek, and Ten Mile Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversions will include use of all three Points of Diversion (POD) and construction and maintenance of water diversion infrastructure at the Streeter Creek and unnamed tributary to Ten Mile Creek PODs. Work for the Streeter Creek and unnamed tributary to Ten Mile Creek PODs will follow the descriptions and design specifications provided in Attachments 1, 2, 3, and the Technical Memorandum: Black Oak Ranch Fish Screen Design and Construction NMFS Engineering Review. Work at the Streeter Creek POD will include excavation of the stream bed and bank, installation of a prefabricated concrete vault and fish screen; backfilling and compaction of soil to stabilize the vault, installation of rock armor, installation of large woody debris, and planting of native riparian vegetation to protect the streambank; and connection to the existing water and electrical systems. Work at the Unnamed Tributary to Ten Mile Creek will include excavation of the streambed and bank, installation of a Coanda Box POD and associated diversion piping, backfilling and compaction of soil to stabilize the POD, planting of native riparian vegetation to stabilize banks, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

This is to advise that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as  **the lead agency** /  **a responsible agency** approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. The project  **will** /  **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
2.  **An environmental impact report** /  **A negative declaration** /  **A timber harvesting plan** was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  **were** /  **were not** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  **was** /  **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. Findings  **were** /  **were not** made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.
  - A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by the Department is attached to this notice.

Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.

Responsible Agency statement: The final EIR that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signed: David Manthorne

Date: 7/11/2025

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Date Received for filing at OPR: