

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
[CEQA Submit](#)**From:**Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Northern Region
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State Clearinghouse Number: 2019100230

Project Title: Scott River Restoration – Farmers Ditch Project (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2025-0007-R1)**Project Location:** The Project is located in Sugar Creek and Scott River, tributaries to Scott River and Klamath River, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California, Latitude 41.341975, Longitude -122.821998; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 031-480-050-000 and 031-490-080-000. The Project is approximately 15.8 acres of mine tailings and riparian habitat at the confluence of Sugar Creek and Scott River located approximately 2 miles north of Callahan.**Project Description:** On July 23, 2025, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued this Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 1670 of the Fish and Game Code to the Yurok Tribe. This Project is expected to improve hydrologic function and floodplain connectivity in the mainstem Scott River by lowering the floodplain, constructing a terrace and roughened channel, using existing wood features to increase complexity, and improving the confluence of Sugar Creek. The Project is expected to replace the existing diversion infrastructure with a new structure that will improve the stability of the point of diversion while increasing the available water instream for fish passage of all life stages of salmonids during low flow conditions. The Project may include a pilot hyporheic hydraulic control structure, to assess subsurface conditions and potential benefits of improving hydrological function in historic mining tailings. CDFW has determined that the Project is a Qualifying Restoration Project pursuant to section 1671(d)(1) of the Fish and Game Code, and the Project is expected to result in a substantial, cumulative benefit to native fish, wildlife, plants, or their habitat, or any combination thereof. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described RMP and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [☐ the lead agency / ☒ a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on date signed below and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [☐ will / ☒ 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. [☒ An environmental impact report / ☐ A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [☒ were / ☐ were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was / ☐ was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were / ☐ were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. 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 was submitted to CDFW.

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- ☒ Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's record of issuance of the Restoration Management Permit is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature  *Date:* 7/23/2025
Tina Bartlett, Northern Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: _____