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Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020029040

Project Title: Whiskey Slide Road over Jesus Maria Creek Bridge Replacement (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. CAL-62174-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Jesus Maria Creek in the County of Calaveras, State of California; Project 1 Coordinates: 38.257933, -120.579355 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); Project 2 Coordinates: 38.257933, -120.579355; Project 3 Coordinates: 38.258001, -120.579598; Project 4 Coordinates: 38.258039, -120.579188; Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 13 East, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map 7.5-minute series Rail Road Flat, California Quadrangle Map, base and meridian or street address, nearest cross streets if no address; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN): 021-001-045-000 and 021-001-046-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number CAL-62174-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Calaveras County as represented by Jennifer Herndon.

The overall project is limited to the demolition of the existing bridge (Bridge No. 30C0062) and replacement with the new bridge over Jesus Maria Creek. The new bridge will be constructed about 30 feet west of the existing bridge and Whiskey Slide Road will be realigned and widened at the bridge approaches to accommodate the new bridge. The bridge replacement will necessitate dewatering of the creek, as well as the installation of additional structures such as a culvert, and energy dissipater. The Project will also include onsite mitigation consisting of enhancement of up to 0.534 acre of creek and riparian habitat within the vicinity of Whiskey Slide Road Bridge.

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Enhancements will be approved by CDFW as a part of an Alternative Compensatory Mitigation Plan and may include removal of invasive species and replacement with native riparian plantings as well as cobble integration beneath the bridge.

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.
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.

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.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Tanya Sheya 1ABC45303752499... *Date:* 10/27/2026

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