

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022030742

Project Title: City of Fort Bragg Raw Water Line Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-31384-R1C)

Project Location (Mendocino): The Project to be completed is located within the Noyo River watershed, in the City of Fort Bragg, County of Mendocino, State of California. The Project is located in Section 7, T18N, R17W, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; in the Fort Bragg U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 019-630-05, 020-170-04-00, 019-610-01-00, 019-070-10-00; latitude 39.44247 N and longitude 123.77972 W at the first encroachment.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MEN-31384-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, John Smith, representing the City of Fort Bragg.

The Project is limited to six (6) encroachments for the City of Fort Bragg Raw Water Pipeline Project. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, dewatering, and backfilling and compaction of fill.

Encroachment 1 includes a section of the raw water pipeline that will be attached to the side of an existing bridge over Newman Gulch on the Georgia Pacific haul road. The bridge pipe hang will be approximately 50-feet long and at each end of the bridge, the pipeline will transition from within the road shoulder onto the bridge. Each transition area will be approximately 10 feet long. Construction will occur from the bridge deck and roadway approaches and include minor vegetation trimming within the transition areas.

Encroachments 2 – 5 include removal, repair or replacement of existing culverts on an unnamed tributary to Noyo River. SC-1 – replace existing culvert with a minimum 27-inch diameter by 30-foot long reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) culvert; SC-2 – replace an existing culvert with a minimum 2-foot by 5-foot wide by 20-foot long box culvert; SC-3 – replace an existing culvert with a minimum 27-inch diameter x 35-foot long RCP culvert; and SC-4 – replace an existing culvert with a minimum 3-foot by 6-foot wide and 15-foot long concrete box culvert. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing crossing, installation of the new crossing, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

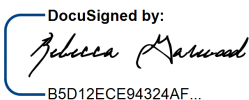
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Encroachment 6 includes the construction of the raw water intake structure within the western portion of Newman Reservoir and its connection to the new pump station. Construction will include a temporary isolation of the work area to install the intake structure and a 12-inch-diameter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe that will connect the intake structure to the pump station wet well. The intake structure will be approximately 5-feet by 5-feet, and embedded into the bottom of Newman Reservoir below the mean water surface elevation. The intake pipe will be screened and include a trash rack. The excavation areas will be backfilled with compacted engineered fill and graded to match existing reservoir bottom contours.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/1/2026 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** 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 project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 7/1/2026

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Date Received for filing at LCI: