

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022080386

Project Title: North Nojoqui Grade Capital Preventative Maintenance and Drainage Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-45998-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The Project is located on State Route 101 between postmiles 52.34 and 56.09 in Santa Barbara County (34.594449, -120.194784).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-45998-R5) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation. The Project involves improving 3.75 miles of State Route 101 by replacing culverts and headwalls, shortening culverts, adding rock slope protection, and construction of a 450 linear foot vegetated rock slope protection embankment. The Agreement is being amended to account for an increase in vegetation impacts and increased sediment removal footprint at location 2.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 18, 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.

Signature:  **Date:** 9/18/2026
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