

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022090444

Project Title: Lower Green Valley Creek Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project at Iron Horse Vineyards (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SON-44374-R3)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located near the city of Graton, CA at Green Valley Creek, a tributary to the Russian River, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.455314°, Longitude - 121.89403°; 9786 Ross Station Road, Sebastopol, CA, 95472; Assessor's Parcel Number 084-190-002-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SON-44374-R3), pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District.

The Project will create 3.2 acres of low-velocity in-channel and off-channel floodplain rearing habitat for salmonids in Green Valley Creek; install approximately 13 large wood structures intended to create floodplain and in-channel habitat complexity; treat and replace road and culverts along Iron Horse Vineyard access road to ensure fish passage and reduce water quality impacts, and revegetate 5.76 acres to restore riparian and floodplain habitat.

In September 2022 CDFW adopted a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) that concluded the Lower Green Valley Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project at Iron Horse Vineyards would not have a significant effect on the environment and approved the project based on the MND. The MND included an incomplete description of the Subproject that included Phase 1 (Original Project) but did not include Phase 2 of the Subproject. CDFW is now approving a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Subproject (Modified Subproject). The differences between the Original Project as modified by the Modified Subproject (Modified Project) are as follows:

1. The Modified Subproject will create an additional 1.60 acres of low velocity rearing habitat during frequent winter storm inundation periods, by adding 720 feet of Green Valley Creek to the total Subproject area.
2. The Modified Subproject will involve the removal of up to 9 additional trees for habitat features.
3. The Modified Subproject will add 2.4 acres of staging area and an additional 7,255 cubic yards of soil to be excavated and off-hauled.
4. The Modified Subproject will involve an additional 3.28 acres of planting and an additional 2.5 acres of erosion control treatment.
5. The Modified Project will include implementation of the Traffic Safety Plan.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency, approved the above-described Modified Project on 05/07/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the Modified Project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. CDFW considered the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration that it prepared and adopted for this project.
3. CDFW considered the Addendum that it prepared for this project.
4. Mitigation measures ☒ were / ☐ were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was / ☐ was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.

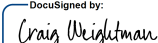
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7. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The ☒ mitigated negative declaration / ☐ negative declaration with comments and responses, the Addendum, and CDFW's record of project approval as Lead Agency are available to the general public for review at CDFW's regional office listed above.

Signature

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Date: 5/7/2025

Craig Weightman, Title (Environmental Program Manager)

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____