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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022110242

Project Title: Big Creek to Carmel Drainage Restoration (Project) (Amendment No. 1 to Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-61596-R4) Reissued

Project Location (Monterey County): The Project is located on State Route (SR) 1 at highway post mile (PM) 30.10, PM 30.86, and PM 33.87 in Monterey County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MON-61596-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Project includes activities related to replacing degraded culverts and associated features such as headwalls and drainage inlets and installing rock slope protection, as well as vegetation removal for construction access, temporary stream diversion, and installing erosion control treatments. Amendment No. 1 adds night work and changes the geotextile fabric inspection periods.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/17/2026 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: DocuSigned by: Sarah Paulson E9964E60293D40A... *Date:* 7/17/2026

For Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: _____