

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2022120136

Project Title: Chadd And Mowry Creeks Hum 254 Fish Passage Project, EA 01-0H245 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-62193-R1C)

Project Location: The project is located in Humboldt County along State Route 254 (Avenue of the Giants) at two locations. Mowry Creek is located between the towns of Weott and Meyers Flat at Post Mile 15.04. Chadd Creek is located between the towns of Redcrest and Pepperwood at Post Mile 40.81.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-62193-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation. This Agreement authorizes the California Department of Transportation's project is to rehabilitate existing drainage systems and improve fish passage for two tributaries to the South Fork Eel River.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 06/05/2026 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 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 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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