

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023070286

Project Title: System Protection at Kohler and Sonoma Creek Crossings (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SON-50608-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at Sonoma Creek and Kohler Creek, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.359021°, Longitude -122.525079°; 13965 Arnold Drive, Glen Ellen, CA, 95442; Assessor's Parcel Number 054-190-016.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SON-50608-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District.

The project is limited to permanent repairs along Kohler and Sonoma creeks to protect Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCS) sanitary sewer pipelines that cross Kohler and Sonoma Creeks, using a combination of rock slope protection, fabric reinforced fill structures (FREFs) built with biodegradable fabrics, log rootwad revetments, brush mattresses, and native vegetation. In addition, the pipeline across Sonoma Creek will be armored in its current location with large boulders. The Project will also include revegetation with native plants and installation of habitat improvement elements for aquatic species in Sonoma Creek. In total, the project will result in approximately 20 linear feet (0.01 acres) of permanent impact and approximately 290 linear feet (0.35 acres) of temporary impact to open water habitat, as well as approximately 305 linear feet (0.09 acres) of temporary impact to riparian habitat. Of the 305 linear feet (0.09 acres), 210 linear feet (0.04 acres) includes California freshwater shrimp (*Syncares pacifica*) habitat above the wetted portion of Sonoma Creek. The project will also result in the removal of two riparian trees. Access and staging will occur via an existing developed driveway and residential parking area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/28/2025 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 associated with California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2024-026-03 issued by CDFW for the project **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.

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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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Craig J Weightman Date: 7/28/2025
Signature: _____
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Date Received for filing at LCI: