

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2024060060

Project Title: La Franchi Safety Project, 01-0L110 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MEN-62783-R1C)

Project Location: This Project is located in Mendocino County on U.S. Highway 101 between post miles (PMs) 9.82 and 10.00 (lat/long 38.95837, -123.10964) near the town of Willits.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MEN-62783-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant is the California Department of Transportation. In accordance with the Notification and supporting documents, the purpose of the project is to improve road safety and includes construction of soldier pile retaining walls. The retaining wall between PMs 9.82 and 10.00 will be constructed on the hillside and road fill above two existing stream culverts. No work is proposed on the existing culverts, but riparian vegetation removal will occur at both locations (PM 9.86 and PM 9.82). The project will have no impacts to the stream flow, bed, or channel of streams.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 03/26/2026 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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