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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: 2024120591

Project Title: Chimney Rock Road at Franklin Creek Restoration Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SLO-54703-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur at the Chimney Rock Road intersection with Franklin Creek, approximately 2 miles south of Lake Nacimiento, 6 miles southwest of the Lake Nacimiento Marina, and approximately 14 miles northwest of the City of Paso Robles, northwest San Luis Obispo County, California; east 1/2 of Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 9 East MDB&M; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Lime Mountain; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 080-055-028, 080-055-034, and an unnamed San Luis Obispo County right-of-way parcel; GPS coordinates 35.68202, -120.94919.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SLO-54703-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of a new 175-foot-long by 28-foot-wide permanent bridge across Franklin Creek to replace a temporary bridge that was installed during emergency work in 2023. Additional activities include temporary flow diversion, stream channel grading, placement of rock slope protection, removal of a temporary haul road, filling of a culvert, and placement of boulders in the stream.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 9/26/2025 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 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.

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Signature: DocuSigned by: Julie Vance FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 9/26/2025

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____