

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2024120843

**Project Title:** Slip-out Repair and Bank Stabilization Near 1780 Higgins Canyon Road Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SMO-55946-R3).

**Project Location (San Mateo County):** The project is located at Mills Creek; Latitude 37.44607, Longitude -122.40457; near 1780 Higgins Canyon Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 066-100-100.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SMO-55946-R3, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, San Mateo County Department of Public Works.

The proposed project consists of road repairs, bank stabilization, and habitat enhancement along the southwestern bank of Mills Creek adjacent to the northeastern side of Higgins Canyon Road in San Mateo County. The proposed Project involves: 1) a 192-linear-foot-long soldier pile retaining wall, 2) a 185-foot, biostabilization-based bank repair (soil lifts and vegetated boulder revetments), 3) 110 linear feet of engineered creek bed to restore the channel to its pre-erosional original flowpath, and 4) reconstruction of 180 linear feet of failed roadway within the existing footprint to restore the travel lane and shoulder area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 8/29/2025 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 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.

Signed by: Wesley Stokes For Date: 8/29/2025  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Received for filing at LCI: