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SUBJECT: Review of Whiskey Creek Bridge Emergency Repair Project, Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and Proposed Section 4(f) Evaluation, (EA 02-2K000), State Clearing House Number 2025100947, Shasta County

Dear Nicole Alber:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”) has reviewed the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration (“IS/ND”), dated October 2025, for the above referenced project which proposes to make a Negative Declaration for the environmental effects for the Whiskey Creek Bridge Emergency Repair Project. The project will replace the bridge deck and superstructure of the Whiskey Creek Bridge, improving safety and public access across the bridge (“Project”). The Project is located on State Route 299, in Shasta County, between Post Miles 13.55 and 14.58, and crosses the Whiskey Creek arm of Whiskeytown Lake. CDFW’s review of this Project is pursuant to our role as the State’s trustee agency for fish and wildlife resources under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. Additionally, as a State responsible agency, CDFW administers the California Endangered Species Act (“CESA”), the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program, and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that conserves the State’s fish and wildlife public trust resources.

CDFW responded to early consultation requests from Caltrans District 2 staff between November 2024 and September 2025, some of these consultation interactions are documented in Chapter 3 (Agency and Public Coordination, Table 7) of the IS/ND. The determinations of no anticipated impacts to species or habitats as described in the biological resources section of the IS/ND were verified by CDFW field review, CDFW also determined that notification pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 is not required for the Project as proposed in the IS/ND. CDFW has no additional comments pertaining to the Project as it is described.

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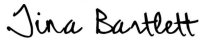
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CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ISPND to assist the California Department of Transportation, District 2, in adequately analyzing and minimizing impacts to biological resources. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Lis, Senior Environmental Scientist-Specialist, by email at richard.lis@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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