Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025120522

Project Title: Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location (include county): State Route 49 in Nevada County from Post Mile (PM) 2.10 to PM 9.80

Project Description: The project will widen southbound shoulders to 12 feet, widen northbound shoulders to 8 feet, provide a two-way left turn lane (TWLTL), realign the roadway, extend culverts, replace deficient drainage systems, widen the South Wolf Creek Bridge (Br. No. 17-00005) at PM 3.61, construct one new bridge at Rattlesnake Creek (PM 8.80), construct retaining walls, replace or relocate lighting, signage, and existing traffic management systems, install new traffic management systems, replace nonstandard guardrails according to Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards, and provide concrete vegetation control under guardrails

This is to advise that Caltrans (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on 1/27/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the general public at:

https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs/d3-nevada-county

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Branch Chief, M5 Environmental

Date: 2/2/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: 2/4/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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