

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2007042126

Project Title: Zayante Creek Seasonal Dam Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-58196-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz): The project is located at Zayante Creek, a tributary to the San Lorenzo River, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 37° 3' 5.2" N, Longitude 122° 3' 49.2" W Degrees Minutes Seconds; Section 22, Township 10S, Range 2W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Felton; 6496 East Zayante Road, Felton, CA 95018; Assessor's Parcel Number 066-081-01.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-58196-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Mount Hermon Association as represented by Erik Johnson.

The project will operate a seasonal flashboard dam, seasonal juvenile fish ladder, and attendant facilities in Zayante Creek, just upstream of the confluence with Bean Creek and near the community of Mount Hermon in Santa Cruz County. The impoundment will be used for boating and canoeing activities only during the summer months, and not for recreational swimming.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 11, 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 not** 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 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:  *Date:* 6/13/2025

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Date Received for filing at LCI: