NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program is providing notice to inform the public and interested agencies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for its proposed project to enhance the capability of streams to produce anadromous salmonids by maintaining, restoring, and improving stream habitat essential to salmonid production.

Implementation Project Locations: Various streams in Humboldt, Mendocino, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Sonoma counties.

Description of Project: This project will use grant funds approved by the California Legislature to initiate activities that are designed to restore salmon and steelhead habitat in coastal streams and watersheds that historically produced large populations of salmon and steelhead. The replacement of barrier culverts with bridges or natural stream bottom culverts will allow adult and juvenile salmonids access to additional spawning and rearing habitat. The installation of instream structures will recruit and sort spawning gravel for adult salmon and steelhead and create summer rearing pools and over-wintering habitat for juveniles.

Document Availability: The mitigated negative declaration can be accessed online at https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP/MND. It is also available for review upon request at California Department of Fish and Wildlife offices: 1600 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; the Northern Regional office: 1455 Sandy Prairie Ct, Suite J, Fortuna, CA 95540; the Bay Delta Regional office: 3633 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403; the Central Regional office: 20 Lower Ragsdale Dr., Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940; and the South Coast Regional office: 4556 Lampson Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Please contact Mr. Timothy Chorey at (916) 838-0760 to arrange a viewing.

Comments: The review period for the mitigated negative declaration starts November 12, 2026, and ends on December 28, 2026. Please submit comments via email to FRGP@wildlife.ca.gov or via regular mail to: Mr. Timothy Chorey, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Watershed Restoration Grants Branch, Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. Comments must be received by December 28, 2026. For additional information contact: Mr. Trevor Tollefson, Senior Environmental Scientist at (707) 834-0626 (Northern Region); Mr. Matt Erickson, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 210-7007 (Bay Delta Region); Ms. Megan Rooney, Environmental Scientist, (559) 203-2792 at (Central Region); or, Ms. Deena Hansen, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (562) 338-5885 (South Coast Region).