

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018122049

Project Title: Commercial Cannabis Cultivation with Domestic Seep Well (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-23346-R11)

Project Location (Trinity): The project is located along Dobbins Gulch and an unnamed tributary to Dobbins Gulch, in the County of Trinity, State of California; 150 Bridge Gulch Road, near the community of Hayfork; Assessor's Parcel Number 019-750-026-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-TRI-23346-R11, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Zay Xiong.

The project is limited to ongoing year-round use of an existing shallow seep well for domestic purposes, including household use for four people and a vegetable garden/orchard. The well consists of a corrugated metal pipe, approximately 36-inches in diameter and dug 10-12 feet deep. The volume of water to be diverted per year is approximately 0.77 acre-feet.

A small unimproved Class III stream crossing used to access the groundwater well, which will be used for commercial cannabis irrigation, will be improved by creating a defined rolling dip and armoring with 6-inch riprap above and below the road prism and placing two-three inches of gravel through the crossing to create a rocked ford. This armored fill crossing will be installed to allow surface flows to remain in the channel while minimizing sedimentation and additional scour during a 100-year storm event. The plans for construction follow recommendations from the Handbook of Forest, Ranch, and Rural Roads for rocked fords.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 10, 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 environmental impact report 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** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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.

Signature:  Date: 6/10/2025

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