

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: Higher Elevation Farm Crossing Maintenance (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TRI-51497-R1)

Project Location (Trinity): The project is located on Mule Gulch and an unnamed tributary; Section 25, Township 32N, Range 9W & Section 30, Township 32N, Range 8W; U.S. Geological Survey Bully Choop Mountain 7.5 Minute Quad Map, Mt. Diablo Meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 015-250-01-00; 415 Mule Gulch Road approximately six miles southeast of Douglas City in Trinity County, California in the Indian Creek watershed.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-TRI-51497-R1), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Joshua Riffle.

The project is limited to maintenance of a 36-inch diameter corrugated metal culvert installed under Agreement No 1600-2017-0524-R1 and removal of an unused pedestrian bridge over Mule Gulch to prevent obstruction of these channels. An adequately-sized footbridge spanning the tributary channel is placed downstream from the culvert. Its location is perched above the ordinary high-water mark and it will be maintained in its present condition. The footbridge across Mule Gulch will be disassembled with hand tools and all infrastructure shall be removed from the banks and channel.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 21, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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: 7/21/2025
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Date Received for filing at LCI: