Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004112063

Project Title: Lompico Road Improvements Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-30962-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The Project is located at Lompico Creek, a tributary to the San Lorenzo River, accessed from the end of Lompico Road, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 37.12550, Longitude -122.04960; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 092-011-35.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-30962-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to Sempervirens Fund, as represented by Beatrix Jimenez-Helsley (Permittee).

The Project includes the removal of seven culverts (one stream crossing culvert and six ditch relief culverts which drain into Lompico Creek) and a streambank repair and placement of a log structure. The work is associated with the decommissioning of an access road on a rural property to reduce episodic and chronic sediment loading to Lompico Creek.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 19, 2023, 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 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 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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Date: 5/19/2023

Craig Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: