

2020-065



**CITY OF ST. HELENA  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 22  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

☒ Recorder/ County Clerk  
Napa County  
1127 1st Street, Ste A  
Napa, CA 94559

From: City of St. Helena Department of  
Public Works  
1572 Railroad Avenue  
St. Helena, CA 94574  
Erica Ahmann Smithies (707) 968-2629

County Recorder Filing	State Clearinghouse Received
<p><b>ENDORSED</b></p> <p>JUN 30 2020</p> <p>JOHN TUTEUR Napa County Recorder - County Clerk By <u>L. RODRIGUEZ</u> DEPUTY RECORDER - CLERK</p>	<p>Governor's Office of Planning &amp; Research</p> <p>JUL 08 2020</p> <p>STATE CLEARINGHOUSE</p>

**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 15094 of the CEQA Guidelines

**PROJECT TITLE:** Project No. W-26 - Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2006092096

**APPLICANT:** City of St. Helena Department of Public Works  
1572 Railroad Avenue  
St. Helena, CA 94574

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Spring Mountain Road, approximately 1.5 miles upstream of St. Helena, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project proposes to restore the ecological connectivity between habitats upstream and downstream of Upper York Creek Dam (UYCD) and provide for natural sediment transport. Steelhead migration would be restored to the level provided by the natural channels above and below the dam. The project would fill and retain the inactive spillway and remove a portion of the dam embankment to the approximate bedrock elevation. The Project involves partial removal of the dam through construction of an approximate 20 foot notch through the dam embankment to the approximate bedrock, resulting in the excavation and removal of approximately 9,500 cubic yards of dam material, and excavation and

creek below the dam. The consultation and negotiation process with the regulatory agencies has resulted in modifications to the Project, and the City now anticipates removal of only 8,000 cubic yards (cy) of sediment, with the remaining material stabilized behind what is left of the existing dam. The project would be implemented in two phases.

Phase 1 implements Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project EIR mitigation measure MM H&H-PA1 to help capture sediment released during the removal of the dam, and to reduce the risk of flooding. This includes construction of up to 30 sediment traps in the section of the creek immediately downstream of the dam. The purpose of the sediment traps will be to capture the impounded sediment from upstream of the dam.

Phase 2 includes fill of the inactive spillway, construction of a 20-foot notch through the dam embankment to the approximate bedrock elevation, removal of approximately 8,000 cy of sediment behind the dam, channel grading, and stabilization and protection of Spring Mountain Road.

On April 28, 2015, the City Council of the City of St. Helena determined that the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project would result in significant impacts on the environment. The City Council, by resolution, then certified Final EIR for the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project, made mitigation measures a condition of the approval of the project by adopting a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, made findings pursuant to Section 15091, and adopted a statement of overriding considerations.

April 23, 2019, the City Council approved the changes to the previously approved project, and determined pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required because none of the conditions described in Section 15162 would occur. That is, the proposed Project would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the EIR.

The City Council determined that:

- An EIR was prepared and certified for the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted for the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA and a Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- Implementation of the mitigation measures adopted for the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project would ensure that the approved modifications to the Upper York Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project would not result in any new significant impacts or increase the severity of any previously identified impacts.
- The project will not have a new significant effect on the environment.

City of St. Helena  
Department of Public Works

By



Erica Ahmann Smithies  
Public Works Director/City Engineer  
April 24, 2019





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

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City of St. Helena Department of Public Works

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PROJECT TITLE

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

City of St. Helena Department of Public Works

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(707) 968-2629

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

1572 Railroad Avenue

CITY

St Helena

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

94574

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$3,343.25

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,406.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,136.50

\$

0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☒ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☒ Other Receipt # 2020063000113

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☐ Check

☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$

50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Napa County Clerk L. Rodriguez Deputy County Clerk