

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2007032099

**Project Title:** Upper Truckee River and Marsh Restoration (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0178-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the Upper Truckee River and Trout Creek, in the County of El Dorado, State of California; approximately centered on Latitude 38.935009°N, Longitude - 119.996446°W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0178-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the California Tahoe Conservancy.

The Upper Truckee Marsh Restoration Project (project) aims to restore the natural geomorphic processes and ecological functions of the lowest reach of the Upper Truckee River (UTR) and surrounding Upper Truckee Marsh (UTM). The project will implement the following primary restoration elements, focusing on features that will establish natural, resilient, and self-sustaining systems to restore the UTM:

- Pilot channels will be excavated into the UTM surface to convey a portion of flow from the existing UTR channel toward the center of the UTM and the existing system of relict channels. Small timber water control structures will span the pilot channels to allow the Permittee to manage flows using a simple flashboard system.
- In the northwest corner of the project site, the Sailing Lagoon will be reconnected to the UTM to the east and additional flood plain and wetland area will be created. This will require fill placement, regrading, and revegetating the site.
- Biotechnical treatments will be used to disperse flows in the Lower UTM. Flow dispersion and grade control structures will consist primarily of cross-channel debris dams (also referred to as beaver dam analogs, or BDAs).

Project activities will be sequenced to: (1) manage the scale of construction activities in a single season, (2) allow gradual adjustment of the fluvial system, and (3) facilitate adaptive management. This sequencing incorporates flexibility to defer construction to a season with a more favorable lake elevation. Tree removal activities are tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2019. Construction of the project elements is anticipated over a three-year period: 2020 to 2022.

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

- 1. The project  will /  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 /  were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A statement of overriding considerations  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Jeff Drongesen Date: 11/21/19  
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