

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014012057

Project Title: Napa River Restoration: Oakville to Oak Knoll, Group D: Sites 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 7, 9, 10, and the "Neverbend" site; (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0425-R3)

Project Location: The project is located at 11 sites along an approximately 2.13-mile reach of the Napa River, south of the Town of Yountville, in Napa County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0425-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Richard Thomasser/ Napa County Department of Public Works.

The project will restore and enhance long-term floodplain function of the Napa River, improve the quality of aquatic and riparian habitat, and reduce fine sediment deposition into the Napa River associated with ongoing bank erosion. This project is the last project of the Napa River Restoration – Oakville to Oakknoll Reach. The project will likely be conducted in two phases over a two-year period. Phase 1 will likely occur in 2020 and consist of Sites 10, 9, 7, 4, 4B, and 3. The remainder of the sites (i.e. Sites 4A, 2A, 2B, Neverbend, and 1) will likely be constructed in 2021. Restoration activities that will be completed at each site include: channel widening and floodplain terrace creation; in-channel habitat enhancement structures (e.g. boulder clusters, boulder fields, large rootwad habitat structures, topple wood structures, tree habitat structures, live pole habitat structures, brush mats); seasonal wetland creation; vegetation management (e.g. invasive species removal); and native plant revegetation.

A "Managed Retreat" will be constructed at Sites 4B and 7 outside of the existing riparian corridor. The purpose of the "Managed Retreat" is to create an area for future riparian corridor expansion (via active and passive native plant revegetation. Within the "Managed Retreat" area, temporary brush piles composed of woody debris/slash will be created to provide temporary cover for smaller wildlife species.

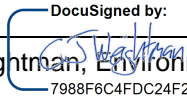
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on April 9, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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 / negative declaration 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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The mitigated negative declaration / 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature

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Date: April 14, 2020

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