

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018032043

Project Title: Hanks Exchange Road at Squaw Hollow Creek Bridge Replacement (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0025-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Squaw Hollow Creek, in the County of El Dorado, State of California; Latitude 38.669982°, Longitude -120.753587°; in the southwest quarter of Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 11 East, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Placerville, CA, Mt. Diablo base and meridian; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 046-020-01, 099-010-23, 099-010-24, and 046-250-47.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0027-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, El Dorado County Community Development Services, as represented by Donna Keeler.

The project is limited to the removal and replacement of an existing one-lane, 13.5-foot-wide and 23-foot-long reinforced slab bridge where Hanks Exchange Road crosses Squaw Hollow Creek. The existing bridge will be demolished, removed, and disposed of offsite. The new bridge will be located west of the existing bridge and will be approximately 32 feet wide and 60 feet long. The foundation of the new bridge will consist of cast-in-drilled-hole piles and spread footings, with abutments located on the banks of Squaw Hollow Creek. Roadway approaches will be widened and realigned as necessary to connect with the new bridge.

New guardrails approximately 75 feet long will be installed adjacent to the bridge abutments on the northwest and southeast sides of the bridge. A retaining wall, approximately 260 feet long, may be installed on the west side of Hanks Exchange Road, south of the existing bridge, to stabilize the hill slope. A drainage ditch will also be constructed along the west side of the proposed retaining wall. The existing property fences on both sides of the road will be relocated, extending approximately 350 feet on the eastern side of the road and approximately 1,900 feet on the western side. A fence may be installed along the top of the retaining wall or west of the proposed drainage ditch. Existing drainage ditches will likely be shifted to follow the modified segment of the road and convey road-side runoff into the creek. In addition, a drainage culvert will be installed under Hanks Exchange Road (north of the new bridge) to convey runoff under the road. Several trees, including 17 oaks, 7 pines, 18 incense cedars, and 5 alders, will be removed from the upland area of the project.

A temporary diversion dam and piping may be used to divert stream flows around the excavation areas for the new bridge foundations. The diversion dam and piping would be temporarily installed in the creek bed within approximately 20 feet southeast (upstream) of the proposed bridge. The diversion dam would consist of a simple dam or other barrier (e.g., sandbags) and would be approximately 25 feet long, extending between both banks of the creek. No instream excavation would be needed to place the diversion dam in the creek. Flexible piping would likely be used to carry stream flow through the instream work area. The piping would be sized to allow creek flows to be directly channeled and conveyed through the work area with minimal impacts at the inlet and outlet locations of the diversion piping. The diversion device would be removed after the bridge work is complete, and normal stream flow would be restored. The instream work would take place when stream flows are lowest.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 07/10/2019 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.

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: Jeff Drongesen Date: 7/9/19
Jeff Drongesen, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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