

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018062071

**Project Title:** Newell Creek Dam (NCD) Inlet-Outlet Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0050-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Newell Creek, a tributary to the San Lorenzo River, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 37.101808, Longitude -122.072977 or Section 34, Township 9S, Range 2W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Felton; Assessor's Parcel Number 076-251-24.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0050-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, The City of Santa Cruz Water Department.

Currently, the NCD inlet/outlet is reaching the end of its useful life. Specifically, the inlet/outlet pipe is deteriorating, one of the inlet/outlet gates is inoperable, and the emergency valve at the toe of the dam is partially closed and is inoperable. The proposed project will make repairs to the NCD inlet/outlet. The amendment authorizes additional dredging in the vicinity of the temporary boat launch.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 01/16/2020 and an amendment to the project on 12/17/2021 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.

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_