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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020110089

**Project Title:** Bobcat Flat Phase III Channel and floodplain Restoration Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-STA-13719-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located in the lower Tuolumne River, approximately 43 miles upstream of the Tuolumne River confluence with the San Joaquin River and nine river miles west of the community of LaGrange, Stanislaus County, California; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Cooperstown; Latitude 37.63267, Longitude -120.56358.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-STA-13719-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicant, Tuolumne River Conservancy, Inc.

The Project includes activities related to restoration within properties totaling 189.5 acres containing the area of Tuolumne River Miles 43.5 to 44.5. The area was previously damaged from gold mining and construction of upstream dams, and the Project is intended to reconnect flows to areas that have been altered and to enhance habitats for fisheries. Activities will consist of scaling surfaces adjacent to the main river channel to reconnect the river to floodplain areas; creating low-gradient riffles by redistributing the current elevation drop to a more natural pool riffle morphology; and constructing low-flow side channels and floodplain benches.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 12/6/2021 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 prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was 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 prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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