Notice of Determination

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 IMS: A-08

County Clerk (County of):

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 Contact: Judah Grossman Phone: (916) 445-8892

Lead Agency: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Contact: Lynn Coster Phone: (530) 224-2437

SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021040261

Project Title: Swain Meadow Restoration

Project Location: Swain Meadow Management Area, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest. Swain Meadow is located within the Robbers Creek Watershed in Plumas County.

Project Description: The Robbers Creek Watershed Restoration project (WCB ID 2020142) entails implementing restoration treatments across approximately 1,200 acres through hydrologic restoration of Swain Meadow, as well as meadow, aspen stand, and upland forest restoration through conifer removal. The forest thinning and hazardous fuels reduction activities have independent utility from the meadow restoration and are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4799.05.

This is to advise that the <u>Wildlife Conservation Board</u> has approved the above □ Lead Agency or ⊠ Responsible agency

described project on <u>May 20, 2021</u> and has made the following determinations regarding the above (Date)

described project.

1. The project [\Box will \boxtimes will not] have a significant effect on the environment.

2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

- 3. Mitigation Measures [\boxtimes were \square were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was is was not] adopted for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was in was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings $[\boxtimes$ were \Box were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

John P. Donnelly Signature FFB2B729029842B John P. Donnelly, Executive Director Date: 5/20/2021

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Title: _<u>Executive Director</u>____

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____