

## Notice of Determination

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Sonoma County Water Agency  
404 Aviation Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

☒ County Clerk  
County of Sonoma  
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

**Project Title:** Santa Rosa Creek Fish Passage Improvements Project

**State Clearinghouse Number** (if submitted): 2023060757

**Project Location:** The project is located on Santa Rosa Creek at two locations in the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, including: the E Street Bridge Fishway Extension at the E Street crossing between Sonoma Avenue and Second Street, and the Melita Road Dam adjacent to Montgomery Drive at Melita Road.

**Project Description:** There are barriers to fish passage along Santa Rosa Creek at the E Street Bridge Fishway Extension and Melita Road Dam sites due to non-functioning structures and erosion. Additionally, site conditions limit regular maintenance at the E Street Bridge Fishway Extension. The purpose of the Project is to improve fish passage over a broader range of flows at the E Street Bridge Fishway Extension and Melita Road Dam sites, address ongoing erosion to the right bank at the E Street Bridge Fishway Extension site, and improve access for and reduce the frequency and extent of channel maintenance needs to maintain fish passage through the E Street Bridge Fishway Extension site. Project construction activities would include replacing and structurally improving the E Street fishway extension, removing the existing trash rack and installing a system of improved trash racks, installing grouted rock upstream of the fishway extension to support the grouted rock weirs and fishway extension infrastructure, enhancing the right bank to address erosion, and constructing an access road for maintenance activities. At the Melita Road Dam site, non-grouted rock weir step pools would be installed to facilitate fish passage.

This is to advise that the Sonoma County Water Agency ☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project on February 6, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [☐ will ☒ 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 [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the mitigated negative declaration is on file at Sonoma County Water Agency's administrative office at 404 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Signature

General Manager

Title

February 6, 2024

Date

Date received for filing and posting at OPR: February 6, 2024