



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Date: November 29, 2023
CEQA Lead Agency: Marin County Open Space District
State Clearinghouse Number: 2021020230
Project Title: **Cascade Canyon Bridges and Trail Improvement Project**
Project Applicant: Marin County Open Space District
Project Location (include county): Cascade Canyon Open Space Preserve, Fairfax, Marin County

FILED
11/29/2023

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MARIN COUNTY CLERK
By O. Lobato, Deputy
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Project Description: The purpose of the Cascade Canyon Bridges and Trail Improvement Project (Project) is to reduce the environmental impacts on sensitive resources by reducing sedimentation and erosion, establish a sustainable system of roads and trails, and provide the public with a safe multi-use trail system. The Project will meet this purpose by constructing two recreational bridges to cross San Anselmo Creek and realigning the existing trail to create approaches to the bridges; implementing speed control features, a change in use on a segment of Canyon Trail to allow bicycles, decommission a section of the Canyon Trail that would become redundant; and decommissioning the High Water Trail. These actions would meet the Project purpose and objectives by eliminating the need to cross San Anselmo Creek using the existing rock fords located in the creek and thereby remove recreational access through the creek. This will result in reduced trail erosion and sedimentation to the Corte Madera Watershed that could adversely impact water quality and listed aquatic species and their habitats. The Project will also enhance habitat protection for listed species, reduce the number of redundant trails and habitat fragmentation in an area rich in sensitive species, improve the user experience and accessibility for all trail users, and improving the sustainability of the trail consistent with the RTMP policies, applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs), and trail design standards.

Determinations: This is to advise that the Lead Agency through the Marin County Open Space District Board of Directors has approved the above-described project on November 29, 2023 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigations 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.

Certification: This is to certify that the final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the Marin County Parks and Open Space District administrative office located at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Signature:

Date: November 29, 2023

**Max Korten, Director and General Manager
Marin County Parks and Open Space District**

Date Received for Filing at OPR:

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