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## Public Notice of Mitigated Negative Declaration for CDFW's 2017 Cannabis Restoration Grant Program Project

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Cannabis Restoration Grant Program is providing Public Notice of the completion of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed project to restore watersheds damaged by cannabis cultivation.

**Project Location:** Various streams in Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, and Trinity counties.

Description of Project: This project uses funds approved by the California Legislature to award grants through a competitive process to projects designed to restore watersheds damaged by cannabis cultivation. The environmental impacts associated with cannabis cultivation have had a serious detrimental effect on fish and wildlife and their habitat, which are held in trust by the state for the benefit of the people of the state. The environmental impacts include: land clearing; road construction; unpermitted stream crossings; the use of unregistered pesticides and other environmental contaminants; and unlawful water diversions for irrigation. These proposed projects are designed to improve habitat conditions for wild anadromous fish in coastal streams. Below are the links to the document.

- Introduction Project Description and Background Information (PDF)
- Initial Study Environmental Checklist Form (PDF)
- Explanation of Response to Initial Study Environmental Checklist Form (PDF)
- Appendix A Location Map (PDF)
- Appendix A. Project Information (PDF)
  - o Project 601 (PDF) Humboldt
  - Project 526 (PDF) Mendocino
  - Project 546 (PDF) Humboldt, Siskiyou, and Trinity
  - Project 582 (PDF) Humboldt
- Appendix B. Mitigation Measures, Monitoring and Reporting Program For the 2017 Restoration of Habitat Impacted by Cannabis Cultivation Project, Cannabis Restoration Grant Program (PDF)

- Appendix C. Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities (PDF)
- Appendix D. Procedure for the Programmatic Evaluation of Paleontological Resources for the Restoration of Habitat Impacted by Cannabis Cultivation Project (PDF)
- Appendix E. Procedure for the Programmatic Evaluation of Archeological Resources for the Restoration of Habitat Impacted by Cannabis Cultivation Project (PDF)

## The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at:

 CDFW Cannabis Restoration Grant Program 1700 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

The review period for the mitigated negative declaration starts October 3, 2017, and ends November 1, 2017. Please mail comments to:

CDFW Watershed Restoration Grants Branch Office Cannabis Restoration Grant Program Attn: Ms. Karen Carpio 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1266 Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments must be received by November 1, 2017.