

**Notice of Determination**

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**SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***  
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2009091004

**Project Title:** B.F. Sisk Safety of Dams Modification; Major Amendment No. 2 (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-064-04 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The B.F. Sisk Safety of Dams Modification is located approximately 9 miles west of the City of Los Banos along State Route (SR) 152 within the County of Merced. B.F. Sisk Safety of Dams Modification is located at approximately 37°03'38" North, 121°04'33" West. B.F. Sisk Safety of Dams Modification is bisected by SR 152 and generally bounded by the San Luis Reservoir to the west, O'Neil Forebay to the north and northeast, and Highway 33 at the farthest extent of the project to the east.

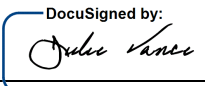
**Project Description:** This Project, as approved by CDFW, consists of Major Amendment No. 2 to the ITP. Major Amendment No. 2 adds 0.5 acre to B.F. Sisk Safety of Dams Modification for a total Project area of approximately 1,834.44 acres. The additional 0.5 acre consists of annual grassland and is entirely within an existing landslide upslope of a haul road. The landslide will be repaired and stabilized. Major Amendment No. 2 will result in additional permanent impacts to 0.5 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat. Activities included as part of Major Amendment No. 2 are expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as  the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 9/30/2024 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project  will /  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.  An environmental impact report /  A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures  were /  were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings  were /  were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

*Signature*  *Date: 9/30/2024*  
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Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_