

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code*

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012082032

Project Title: Meridian Farms Water Company Fish Screen (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SUT-27272-R2 Amendment 1)

Project Location: The project is located in two sites on the Sacramento River and in several miles of the existing concrete-lined Main Canal between the two river sites, in the County of Sutter, State of California. The site of the Meridian Diversion and Pumping Plant is north of the intersection of Meridian Road and Alameda Street; Latitude 39.14833, Longitude -121.91750. The site of the Drexler Pumping Plant is approximately 0.27 miles northwest of the intersection of Moroni Road and S Meridian Road, Latitude 39.110798, Longitude -121.902934.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number No. SUT-27272-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Meridian Farms Water Company.

The proposed amendment consists of three changes: 1) Construction of a concrete slab-on-grade access deck instead of a pile supported steel deck for the retractable fish screens. The current steel pile structure does not provide adequate access to maintain drum screens; 2) Installation of a 230 linear-foot river debris deflector upstream of the fish screen to protect the retractable fish screen track assembly instead of a debris pile configuration; and 3) The option to seal and abandon the existing Meridian Diversion discharge pipe through the levee in-place instead of excavating and removing the pipes.

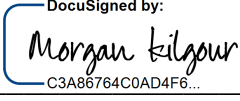
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as lead agency, has approved the above-described project on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A mitigated negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.

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5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

This is to certify that the final mitigated negative declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at: 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Signature:  Date: 9/23/2024

Morgan Kilgour, Regional Manager