

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014021064

Project Title: Kaweah River Bridge Widening Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0075-R4) Major Amendment No. 2

Project Location: The Project will occur in and adjacent to the Kaweah River at the State Route 216 crossing, approximately 4 miles east of the City of Woodlake and 1.8 miles downstream from Lake Kaweah, Tulare County, California; Southeast ¼ Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Woodlake, MDB & M; Latitude 36°24'01.89"N, Longitude 119°01'46.09"W.

Project Description: The Project includes activities related to widening of the bridge at the State Route 216 crossing over the Kaweah River. Project activities will include water diversion, temporary access road construction, bridge column construction, bridge deck widening, bridge railing replacement, road resurfacing, and the placement of rock slope protection. On May 6, 2019, CDFW executed Amendment No. 1 providing ability to implement alternative water diversion methods to those described in the Agreement. On December 16, 2020, Caltrans requested revisions to Compensatory Measure 3.1(a) to allow for more time to conduct the required replacement planting activities, constituting this this Major Amendment No. 2.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 8/9/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project 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. CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
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.
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.

The mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature:  **Date:** 8/9/2021
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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____