

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015052019

**Project Title:** Little Walker River Shoulder Widening Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0156-R6)


**Project Location (include county):** The Little Walker River Shoulder Widening Project is located along U.S. 395, 17 miles north of the unincorporated community of Bridgeport, Mono County. Specifically, the project is located along 3.3 miles of highway adjacent the West Walker River, a tributary to Topaz Reservoir and Walker. Section 6 North, Range 23 East of the Fales Hot Springs and Chris Flat U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute quadrangle map. Assessor's parcel numbers 06-110-18, 06120-33, 06-120-01; Latitude: 38°22'30.9" N, Longitude: 119°26'55.0" N.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is amending the executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0156-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation, as represented by Katie Rodriguez. The amendment to the Project includes, 1) amending the impact acreage and mitigation acreage requirement from 0.44 to 0.245, 2) Updating the number of removed willow from 301 to approximately 142, 3) removing the requirement of willow plantings in Measure 3.1 (Habitat Restoration -Onsite), 4) removal of the requirement to report on willow plantings from Measure 4.2 (Revegetation Plan), and 5) removal of the requirement to report willow plantings from Measure 4.3 (On-Site Final Report).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on November 3, 2020 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 /  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. 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 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 /  negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* 11/3/2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_