

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017051054

Project Title: Merced Irrigation District Water Resources Management Plan (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-26893-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur on the south bank of Deadman Creek, approximately 200 feet southeast of the Gurr Road bridge, southwest of the City of Merced, Merced County, California; Township 8 South, Range 13 East, Section 33; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Sandy Mush; GPS Coordinates Latitude 37.194901, Longitude -120.561071.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MER-26893-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Merced Irrigation District.

The Project includes activities related to the placement of a reinforced concrete structure turnout and a fabricated stainless steel flow metering gate in the South bank of Deadman Creek.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 6/24/2022 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 environmental impact report 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 made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature:  **Date:** 6/24/2022

Valerie Cook, Acting Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____