

## 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:** Northside Canal Flume Repair/Replacement, Flume 6 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-41117-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located in an unnamed stream at the crossing of North Side Canal Flume 6, approximately 0.5 miles north of Merced Falls Road and 1.85 miles northeast of the City of Snelling, Merced County, California; Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 14 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Great Valley MDB&M; Assessor's Parcel Number 043-010-061; GPS coordinates 37.529714, -120.406228.

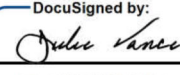
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-41117-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Merced Irrigation District.

The Project involves activities related to the demolition of the existing elevated flume (Flume 6) of the North Side Canal over an unnamed stream and new construction to install a culvert to carry stream flow under fill and a new concrete-lined segment of the North Side Canal.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 3/12/2024 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 3/12/2024  
Julie A Vance, Regional Manager

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