

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013101092

Project Title: Table Mountain Rancheria Millerton Road Improvement Project: Winchell Cove Road to Sky Harbor Road; Minor Amendment No. 1 to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-060-04 (ITP)

Project Location: The Project is located along Millerton Road, in Fresno County, between the intersections of Winchell Cove Road and Sky Harbor Road, approximately 6.5 miles north of the City of Fresno. Millerton Road runs from its westernmost extent at North Friant Road in Friant, California, east to its intersection with Auberry Road. Millerton Road is directly south of Millerton Lake and crosses the Friant-Kern Canal approximately 0.5 mile east of Friant. It also runs adjacent to the southern boundary of the Table Mountain Rancheria and is the sole source of access to the Rancheria.

Project Description: The Project, as approved by the CDFW, consists of a Minor Amendment No. 1 to the ITP. This Project involves reconstructing a road segment of Millerton Road, located between its intersections with Winchell Cove Road and Sky Harbor Road, from a two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane arterial roadway with four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two 6-foot-wide paved shoulders that would function as bike lanes, and 4-foot-wide treated dirt shoulders. A 16-foot-wide median would separate the eastbound and westbound traffic.

The Project as authorized in the ITP will result in permanent impacts to 1.07 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander which is designated as a threatened species under CESA.

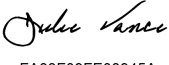
Minor Amendment No. 1 updates contact information, extends the expiration date, and extends the deadline in which to complete the compensatory mitigation obligations and is not expected to result in an increase in incidental take of California tiger salamander. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 7/14/2022 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / 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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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Responsible Agency statement: The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

Date: 7/14/2022

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____