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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2017011004

Project Title: Hollister TK-8 School Site Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-005-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The Hollister TK-8 School Site (Project) is located east of the City of Hollister, in unincorporated San Benito County approximately 200 feet north-east of the intersection of Fairview and Sunnyslope roads (Project Area) at approximately 36° 50' 26.77" N latitude, 121° 21' 41.61" W longitude. The Project is located within the Tres Pinos, California 7.5-minute United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle, Township 12 South, Range 6 East, Section 31, and Township 13 South, Range 6 East, Section 6.

Project Description: This Project involves the construction of a 900-student transitional kindergarten through eighth-grade school on a 12-acre undeveloped, vacant agricultural site. The school site will include approximately 36 classrooms divided among several classroom buildings, an administrative/library building, parking lot, driveways, sidewalks, landscaping, and underground utilities at the eastern and southern portions of the site. The Project was originally part of the Santana Ranch and take of Covered Species was authorized under ITP No. 2081-2013-032-04. The Project portion of Santana Ranch was sold to the Permittee necessitating acquisition of a new ITP for the Permittee.

The Project will permanently remove 12 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) (CTS) upland habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of CTS which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. 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 8/28/19 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).
- 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.
- Responsible Agency statement: The 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.

Signature  Date: 8/28/19
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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