

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814**From:**Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Phone: (559)241-6215**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108****State Clearinghouse Number:** 2011032001**Project Title:** Lower Yolo Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0300-R3)**Project Location:** The Project is located in the Sacramento River Delta at the southern end of the Yolo Bypass near Cache Slough, in Yolo County, State of California, Latitude 38.37243887, Longitude -121.6938111, Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, and 31, Township 6N, Ranges 2E and 3E, U.S. Geographical Survey (USGS) map Liberty Island 7.5'.**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0300-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Westlands Water District, as represented by Jose Gutierrez.

The Lower Yolo Restoration Project will restore up to 1,671 acres of tidal wetlands in Yolo County, California. The purpose of the Project is to enhance regional food web productivity and provide rearing habitat for native fish species, including juvenile salmonids and Delta Smelt. Project activities include the restoration of tidal marshes through the removal and relocation of existing water control infrastructure elements, grading lands to facilitate establishment of intertidal wetlands, removing irrigation and grazing, and excavating new tidal channels.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project July 23, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. 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 / 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 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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James Starr

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SignatureDate: July 30, 2020

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