

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019029068

**Project Title:** Merced County Bridge Routine Stream Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0036-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at existing bridges and associated structures throughout Merced County, California. In addition to two sites for revegetation plantings including Henderson and Hagaman Parks in Merced County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0036-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the County of Merced.

The Project includes routine, reoccurring maintenance activities to maintain channel flood capacity and water conveyance, prevent accelerated erosion, remove obstructions to flow, prevent damage or deterioration of existing, proposed, and future bridge and culvert structures throughout Merced County.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 5/21/2024 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 mitigated negative declaration 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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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