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

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2009091126

Project Title: Permit No. 18956-8 – California High-Speed Train Project Fresno to Bakersfield Section, Cross Creek Viaduct Project

Project Applicant: California High Speed Rail Authority

Lead Agency/Address: California High Speed Rail Authority, 1775 Park Street, Selma, CA 93662

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ben Ruiz, (760) 443-2374

Project Location/City/County: The work across the CVFPB Designated Floodway extends from approximately HSR Station 2515+00 at McCann Ditch No. 1 to approximate HSR Station 2595+00 at McCann Ditch No. 2 in Kings County. The alignment of the project is located east of the BNSF railroad and west of SR 43 (Central Valley Highway).

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 18956-8, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To construct a high-speed rail (HSR) viaduct, 2,500 feet in length, that will span 30 feet over Cross Creek from HSR station “S2” 2534+70.77 to “S2” 2559+71.37 and west of State Route 43; embankment fill approaches from the north and south; drainage culverts; and erosion protection within the floodway. The work within or over the Cross Creek channel includes grading for access and final subgrade; installing cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) piles; form, place and strip concrete columns; installing bent cap falsework, form, place and strip bent caps and diaphragms; place precast deck panels; place and finish concrete deck and derailment barriers; placing concrete apron in the creek bottom and rock slope protection.

This is to advise that the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above described project on April 22, 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 CVFPB’s permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An Environmental Impact Report / A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CVFPB’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was / was not] adopted by CVFPB for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CVFPB for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CVFPB pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: This Environmental Impact Report, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency’s office listed above. CVFPB’s administrative record related to the encroachment permit is available for public review at CVFPB’s office.

<i>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:</i>	April 26, 2022
Signature	Date
Leslie M. Gallagher, Executive Officer	

Date Received for filing at OPR: