

**Notice of Determination****- 1 -**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2009091126

**Project Title:** California High-Speed Train Project: Fresno to Bakersfield Permitting Phase 1 (Amendment No. 12 to Master Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2015-0033-R4).

**Project Location:** The Construction Footprint spans approximately 95 miles, from approximately 1,000 feet south of American Avenue south of the city of Fresno (Fresno County, Latitude 36°38.29"N, Longitude -119°45'32.3"W) to 7th Standard Road near the unincorporated community of Crome (Kern County; Latitude 35°26'29.07"N, Longitude -119°11'56.70"W) and generally parallels the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway or State Route 43. The Agreement also authorizes activities that will occur at Restoration Sites.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 12 to Master Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2015-0033-R4 (Agreement), to the Permittee, California High-Speed Rail Authority.

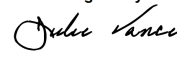
The Project approved by CDFW consists of the Agreement identified above, which addresses construction and operation of the Fresno to Bakersfield segment of the California High-Speed Train, as approved by the lead agency, affecting or generally related to fish and wildlife resources subject to the regulatory authority of CDFW, including natural resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1600 *et seq.* The Agreement authorizes certain activities contemplated in Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code that could cause substantial adverse effects to fish and wildlife resources. The Agreement in this respect will facilitate construction and operation of the Project. Amendment No. 12 includes the addition of 12 nights of work at the Kings River (Object ID No. 24) and updates the avoidance and minimization measure for Buena Vista Lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*), as well as corrects the reporting measure for Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*).

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were 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.

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

**Date:** 2/19/2021  
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