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

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2019029065

Project Title: Permit No. 19677 – Merced Seismic Retrofit Project: Los Banos Creek Bridge

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Lead Agency/Address: 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sam Wong, (559) 908-9693

Project Location/City/County: The bridge is located where State Route 140 crosses the West Branch of Mud Slough, approximately 4.2 miles northeast of the town of Gustine in Merced County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 19677, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To widen the existing 30.5-foot-wide Los Banos Creek Bridge to approximately 43.5 feet clear width. Improvements include widening the roadway approach; installing new bridge rails and metal guardrails; and retrofitting existing hinge and abutments. This permit is also to authorize the existing Los Banos Creek Bridge constructed prior to the adoption of the San Joaquin River Designated Floodway.

This is to advise that the CVFPB, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on September 23, 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 (EIR) / 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: The EIR, 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.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

September 23, 2022

Signature Sarah C. Backus, Executive Officer

Date

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.