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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. 19680 – Merced Seismic Retrofit Project: Bear Creek Bridge

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Lead Agency/Address: 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 1000, Fresno, CA, 93726

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

Project Location/City/County: The proposed bridges (39-009 R/L) are located on State Route 59 crossing Bear Creek at Caltrans Post Mile (PM) 15.23 in Merced County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 19680, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To authorize the existing bridges and retrofit the bridge hinges with pipe seat extenders and cable restrainers under the bridge deck to provide additional support length to prevent the span from dropping, strengthening the overhang with Composite Fiber Polymer trips, replacing the existing bridge rails and sidewalk, and replacing the existing polyester overlay from the top of the bridge deck for both the right and left bridges (39-009 R/L) crossing Bear Creek.

This is to advise that the CVFPB, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on December 16, 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration, 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:

December 16, 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.