

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019029065

Project Title: Merced Seismic Restoration Project (Amendment 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-MER-16812-R4)

Project Location: The Project involves the bridges along State Route 59 at Post Mile 15.23; State Route 152 at Post Miles R37.19 and 39.29; and State Route 140 at Post Miles 10.31 and 11.79 in Merced County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MER-16812-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation.

The Project involves the widening of bridges at two locations, placement of temporary rock slope protection at two locations, the replacement of bridge guardrails at four of the five locations, bridge substructure reinforcement, bridge overhang replacement, and concrete seat reinforcement. The changes to the Project associated with Amendment 1 include a change in the method of water diversion at two locations.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described Project on 8/19/2024 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 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 8/19/2024

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____