

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2005021025

Project Title: Excelsior Expressway Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-46265-R4)

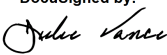
Project Location: The Project is located on State Route (SR) 41, from 0.4 miles south of the intersection of West Laguna Avenue to 2.2 miles south of the intersection of East Elkhorn Avenue, between highway post mile (PM) 0.63 and PM 3.95, in Fresno County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS- FRE-46265-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation. The Project involves the replacement of existing culvert structures on SR 41 at Laguna Ditch, Camden Ditch, Big B Ditch, and construction of a new single-span, concrete, two-lane bridge over Murphy Slough. The Project is part of a larger transportation project in which Caltrans will convert the existing two-lane expressway into a four-lane expressway.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 10/15/2024 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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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____