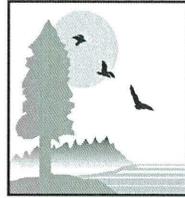


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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)**

File Ref: A2025
SCH#: 2019039146
Item: C54

Title: Merced River Instream and Off-channel Habitat Rehabilitation Project

Proponent: Merced Irrigation District

Location: Sovereign land in the Merced River, near town of Snelling, Merced County.

Description: The Proposed Project will re-grade and rehabilitate over 7 acres of riparian and upland habitat, 1.7 acres of salmonid spawning habitat, 3.9 acres of seasonally inundated juvenile rearing habitat, and approximately 13 acres of the Merced River channel. Approximately 65,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated and sorted from dredger tailing piles including floodplain recontouring and side channel creation. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 10-year General Lease – Public Agency through August 22, 2029.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on August 23, 2019, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was or was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, Merced Irrigation District, adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program and approved the project on June 6, 2019. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by Merced Irrigation District. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

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