

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019049067

**Project Title:** County of Merced Streams Group Flood Control Channel Maintenance Program (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0092-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project will occur within segments of multiple streams in Merced County, California, including Bear Creek, Black Rascal Creek Diversion, Black Rascal Creek, Canal Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Edendale Creek, Fahrens Creek, Los Banos Creek, Mariposa Creek (including three sites often referred to as Duck Creek), Miles Creek, Owen Creek, and Owens Diversion.

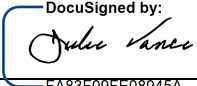
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0092-R4 pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the County of Merced.

The Project includes The Project includes activities related to routine, annually-occurring sediment and debris removal and vegetation maintenance projects to maintain channel flood control and channel capacities as well as fire prevention activities within bridge and culvert areas and other facility locations throughout Merced County.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 4/11/2023 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.

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Date: 4/11/2023

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