

Notice of Determination

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

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2024192 – County of Merced Streams Group Flood Control Channel Maintenance Program – Bear Creek Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Crawford & Associates, Inc.

Lead Agency/Address: Merced County, 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95341

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joe Giulian, (209) 385-7601

Project Location/City/County: Bear Creek is Board Regulated Stream as well as a federal channel as listed in the USACE “Operations and Maintenance Manual for Channels and Levees of the Merced County Stream Group”, between 37°18'49.9"N 120°29'46.1"W and 37°18'35.4"N 120°27'04.4"W in Merced County.

Project Description: The proposed geotechnical work consists of up to 28 geotechnical borings to inform the Bear Creek Restoration Project. Solid Stem Auger and/or Mud-Rotary drilling methods will be used to approximately to a depth of approximately 25-50 ft. below the ground surface. In addition, 20 manual Dynamic cone penetrometers (DCP) tests will be used on the stream bank where limited access is available to depths between 5 and 15 feet. All work will be conducted on the stream bank and top of bank adjacent to the boring locations. No in-channel work or access is necessary. After the boring or DCP test, the hole will be closed and backfilled with cement grout. The work area will then be restored to its original condition, with 1 to 2 feet of native soil placed on top of the grouted bore holes. Excess soil and drilling waste will be hauled offsite. No impacts on any existing vegetation will be anticipated.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on 10/25/2024 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 the Board’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 the Board’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by the Board 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. The Board’s administrative record related to the encroachment permit is available for public review at the Board’s office.

Chris Lief

10/25/2024

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.