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

File Ref: A4335
SCH#: 2019100230
Item: 33

Title: Buffington Tract Salmonid Habitat Restoration Project

Applicant: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Location: Sovereign land in the Stanislaus River, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Number 012- 024-001, near Ripon, Stanislaus County

Description: The Project involves the removal of approximately 53,000 cubic yards of earth material to create 5.5 acres of high-quality rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids. The constructed features will function under a variety of flow conditions present on the lower Stanislaus River and will support a variety of ecological services, including salmonid rearing habitats, and improve water quality, including temperature and dissolved oxygen under low flow conditions. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 5-year General Lease – Public Agency Use through April 2, 2030.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on April 2, 2025, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared 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, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approved the project on September 12, 2022. The California State Lands Commission has considered the EIR as prepared for this project by the SWRCB and adopted an independent Mitigation Monitoring Program incorporating SWRCB's document. The EIR and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE
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