

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019119073

**Project Title:** Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0432-R3)

**Project Location:** The Project area includes a portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, encompassing the area from south of the City of West Sacramento to just north of Bethany Reservoir, and stretches from east of Interstate 5 to west of State Route 160 (River Road).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0432-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Department of Water Resources.

The project consists of the following activities: overwater and land-based soil investigations, including soil borings, cone penetration tests (CPTs), and geophysical surveys. Soil investigations will gather data on the physical properties of the soils and other typical geologic and geotechnical parameters that will be used to inform and evaluate future alternatives for a proposed single-tunnel Delta water conveyance.

On-land soil investigations will consist of 270 soil borings and CPTs, and up to five geophysical survey investigations in upland habitats outside of any riverbed, channel, or bank.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on October 15, 2020 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 /  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures  were /  were not made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was /  was not 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 /  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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW’s regional office.

*Signature* James Starr *Date:* October 19, 2020

James Starr, Environmental Program Manager

Governor’s Office of Planning & Research

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_