

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: State Route 99 Cottonwood Creek Bridge Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. EPIMS MAD-13346-R4)

Project Location: The Project will replace three existing bridges which convey State Route 99 traffic over Cottonwood Creek, south of the city of Madera, in Madera County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has both amended and extended the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MAD-13346-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The Project involves the replacement of three bridges as part of a larger State Route widening project. The Project will require the demolition of existing bridges and construction of replacement bridges within the existing State Route 99 right-of-way. Amendment 1 modifies the timeframe for compensatory revegetation/restoration and provides a 5-year extension for the expiration date of the Agreement.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 3/5/2025 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 Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were not 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 3/5/2025

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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