

## Notice of Determination

**To:**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020019068

**Project Title:** State Route 41 Ranchos Rehabilitation Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-008-04 (ITP), Amendment No. 1).

**Project Location:** The Project involves improvements to a 2.9-mile segment of SR 41, between post mile 6.3 and post mile 9.2 in Madera County.

**Project Description:** Within the 2.9-mile long Project Area, the Project will involve widening and elevating the State Route 41 roadway between post mile 6.5 and post mile 9.0 to correct non-standard shoulder widths, flooding potential, and line of sight issues. Beyond these points and within the 2.9-mile Project Area, the Project will involve repaving the existing roadway.

The Project could result in take of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) including mortality (“kill”), due to vehicle strikes, destruction of burrows, or temporary disturbance to habitat resulting in the loss of individuals over the three-year term of the ITP. California tiger salamander is listed as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act. Permittee will mitigate through permanent protection and long-term management of 38.3 acres of compensatory habitat for the Covered Species, OR the purchase of 38.3 Covered Species credits from a CDFW-approved mitigation or conservation bank. Amendment No. 1 extends the mitigation date to October 23, 2027 and permit expiration date to January 31, 2028, to allow enough time for the Permittee to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirement.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 9/18/2024 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

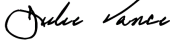
1. The project [ will /  will not] have a significant effect [on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW’s permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency)].
2.  An environmental impact report /  A negative declaration was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [ were /  were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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- Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

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9/18/2024

Date:

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

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