

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020039062

Project Title: Fresno 198 Culvert Rehabilitation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-25907-R4)

Project Location: The project is in Fresno County. It begins just east of the Monterey County line at post mile 0.51 and extends through the foothills of the Coast Range to about 2 miles southwest of the City of Coalinga at post mile 19.50.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-FRE-25907-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Caltrans proposes to repair, replace, or clean 82 culverts at various locations along State Route 198 in Fresno County between post mile 0.51 and post mile 19.50. The project is needed to maintain proper drainage, prevent flooding, and prevent further pavement deterioration in those areas. Work will include relining and replacing culverts, installing or repairing headwalls, installing flared end sections, placing rock slope protection, and restoring temporarily disturbed areas with seeding and plantings. Up to 200 days of night work is anticipated.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 5/23/2023 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 prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan 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 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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Signature: _____ Date: 5/23/2023

Julie A Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____