

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020049051

Project Title: Stratford Kings River Bridge Replacement Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-046-04 (ITP))

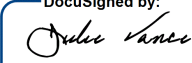
Project Location: The Project will occur where State Route 41 crosses the Kings River southwest of the community of Stratford in Kings County. Project-related activities will occur near latitude 36.180131 / longitude -119.834626 in the east half of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M). The Project Area can be located on the Stratford, California 7.5-minute quadrangle United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map.

Project Description: The Project involves the replacement of the existing State Route 41 bridge over the Kings River, the replacement of existing overside drains, the placement of new armoring within the stream and a 50-mile-long detour around the Project location. Project activities will result in temporary impacts to 0.87 acres of riparian habitat, which may provide suitable nesting habitat features, and 0.28 acres of dry grains seed crops, and 0.33 acres of irrigated row field crops that provide suitable foraging habitat. The incidental take permit is reissued to correct typographical errors in Condition of Approval 8 and for project description clarifications.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 11/7/2022 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 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 not made/ were 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.

Responsible Agency statement: The IS/MND 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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Date: 11/7/2022

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____