

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION FORM

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A Notice of Determination (NOD) should be completed and filed with the Office of Planning and Research in Sacramento every time the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) carries out, funds or approves a project that is not exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The following template was created to simplify the process of NOD completion.

### Instructions:

- The project location and project description should be very short (2-4 lines) but should provide an accurate summary of the location and nature of the project. Ensure the completed form is not more than 2 pages in length.
- Change the default selections on the NOD form to match the document. The default selections on the form assume that: 1) CDFW is acting as a responsible agency, 2) the lead agency prepared a negative declaration, and 3) no significant effects were identified by CDFW. These default settings can easily be changed by double-clicking on the appropriate boxes and changing the “default value” from “checked” to “not checked” or vice-versa.
- Item 6 on the form should state that findings were made pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081(a) only when CDFW is approving the ITP in reliance on an environmental impact report (EIR). In all other cases where CDFW is relying on a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration to issue the permit, the form should indicate findings under Public Resources Code section 21081(a) were not made. Where CDFW is relying on a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration to approve the permit and findings under Public Resources Code section 21081(a) were not made, the next sentence stating that other findings were adopted by CDFW to document compliance with CEQA should be included. Where CDFW is relying on an EIR and findings were made under Public Resources Code section 21081(a), the sentence regarding the adoption of other findings to document compliance with CEQA should be deleted.
- Remember to attach the project proponent’s receipt showing payment of environmental filing fees to the Department. If fees have not yet been paid and CDFW has not issued a no effect determination for the project, payment in the appropriate amount must be provided before the NOD can be filed.

If you have questions regarding completion of the form, feel free to contact the Office of General Counsel (OGC) at (916) 654-3821. OGC can also assist you with filing of a NOD at the Office of Planning and Research’s State Clearinghouse. The notice must be filed within five working days of when CDFW decides to carry out or fund a project, or of when it issues a permit or otherwise approves the project.

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

Office of Planning and Research  
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 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
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California Department of Transportation  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020100388

Project Title: State Route 51 Bridge Deck Replacement Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-080-02 (ITP))

Project Location: The projects are located along State Route (SR) 51 in Sacramento County on the Lower American River and within the floodplain of the Lower American River. The projects extend between post miles (PM) 2.6 and 3.2, approximately 1 mile from the city of Sacramento, State of California; the centroid along the SR 51 corridor being located at approximately Latitude 38.58965 and Longitude -121.44631.

Project Description: This proposed project will rehabilitate the American River Bridge along SR-51 by replacing the existing concrete bridge deck, replacing steel girder post-tensioning systems in spans 1 and 2, install sheet piling to create cofferdams as well as installing steel piles to expand bridge piers and bents, dredging streambed material in the American River for floating barge access, widening the bridge to accommodate a Class 1 bike/pedestrian path and future transportation needs, widening the bridge abutments and roadway approaches, replacing and modifying an existing reinforced concrete box culvert to accommodate the road widening, and modifying an existing sound/retaining wall. Ultimately the project will involve widening the substructure and superstructure by approximately 55 feet along the northbound route of SR-51.

The Project will result in impacts to 4.939 acres of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) (Spring-run of the Sacramento River drainage) habitat including temporary impacts to 4.483 acres. The Project will permanently remove 0.456 acres of spring-run Chinook salmon habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of spring-run Chinook salmon, which are designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as  the lead agency /  a responsible agency issued the ITP on the date signed below 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 mitigated 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 Mitigated 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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*Jennifer Garcia for*

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Signature:

Date: 5/12/2022

Kevin Thomas, *Regional Manager*