

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021030131

Project Title: Lover Lane Culvert Rehabilitation Project (Notification No. EPIMS-TUL-33133-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at two locations along Evans Ditch within the City of Visalia, in Tulare County. More specifically, the Project involves the replacement and extension of two culvert pipes that convey surface waters in Evans Ditch adjacent to East Mineral King Avenue and East Noble Avenue. The Project work area adjacent to East Noble Avenue is designated Location No. 1 by Permittee and is centered near latitude 36.326968, longitude -119.261195, the Project work area adjacent to East Mineral King Avenue is designated Location No. 2 by Permittee and is centered near latitude 36.328482, longitude -119.259588 (see Figure 1). The two Project work areas at Evans Ditch are located on the southwest corner of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 25 East; and the northeast corner of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 25 East Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, and can be found on the Visalia, California United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle.

Project Description: The Project involves improvements to the existing box culverts and concrete-lined channel within Evans Ditch, two existing reinforced concrete box culverts will be joined by a new section of culvert, necessitating the removal of an existing concrete lining within the stream. The Project also involves the extension of an existing reinforced concrete box culvert at a currently unlined portion of Evans ditch and accompanying end treatments. The Project will result in approximately 1,306 square feet of permanent impacts in association with the culvert pipe extension and new end treatments. The Project will also result in a total of 1,306 square feet of temporary impacts, in association with the removal of the existing concrete lining.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 6/14/2023 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 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.

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Date: 6/14/2023

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____