

Notice of Determination**- 1**

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Office of Planning and Research
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From:
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2021080414

Project Title: Pacheco State Park Pig Pond and Bear Hide Lake Dam Failure Project
(Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2023-0009-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at two stock pond dams located within Pacheco State Park, west of San Luis Reservoir, in the County of Merced; Pig Pond is located at 37.04947, -121.21212 and Bear Hide Lake is located at 37.02844, -121.20250; Section 00, Township 10 South, Range 7 East; U.S. Geological Survey map Pacheco Pass; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 078-030-010 and 078-050-012. The Project areas (Project Areas) are depicted in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued this Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 2081(a) of the Fish and Game Code to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Pacheco State Park Pig Pond and Bear Hide Lake Dam Failure Project (Project). The Project is expected to benefit California Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma californiense pop. 1*), referred to as the Covered Species, by preserving suitable aquatic habitat and eliminating risk of habitat fragmentation. The Project is estimated to take 30 individuals of the Covered Species in the form of catch, capture and relocation; the Project may also result in take of three juvenile or adult individuals of the Covered Species in the form of incidental mortality of the Covered Species during implementation of the Project. Permittee is authorized to relocate the Covered Species out of harm's way. CDFW has determined and expects that the Project will benefit, aid in the conservation of, and assist in the recovery of the Covered Species. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described RMP on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 9/29/2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

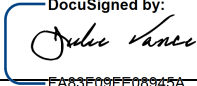
1. The project will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
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).

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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 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.

Signature  *Date:* 9/29/2023

Julie Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____