

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021090066

Project Title: Kern 33 Culvert Rehabilitation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-47801-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located at 34 unnamed ephemeral streams along State Route (SR) 33 between highway post mile (PM) 21.8 to 39.8, including the Cities of McKittrick and Derby Acres, north of the City of Taft, in western Kern County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-KER-47801-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The Project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of existing culverts at 34 stream locations along SR 33 in Kern County. The Project is part of a larger transportation project in which Caltrans will rehabilitate drainage systems at various locations along SR 33 in Kern County.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on 6/13/2024 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Julie Vance
 Signature: _____ Date: 6/13/2024
 Julie A. Vance, Central Region Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____