

**Notice of Determination**

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Office of Planning and Research  
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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108 or 21152

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021120503

**Project Title:** Tulare 198 Culverts Repair and Replacement Project (06-0X260) (Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-26163-R4).

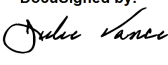
**Project Location:** The Project will occur on State Route 198 between post miles 14.0 and 44.0 in Tulare County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-FRE-25907-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Project includes activities related to replacing culverts, replacing and adding concrete headwalls, installing flared end sections, and/or installing rock slope protection (RSP) at 18 existing culvert locations. Project activities will also include restoring temporarily disturbed areas with seeding and plantings. The changes to the Project associated with Amendment 1 include rehabilitating an existing culvert with a cured-in-place pipeliner instead of replacing it with a new culvert using the jack-and-bore method.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 9/19/2024 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 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 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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**Signature:**

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

9/19/2024

**Date:**

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_