

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022010548

Project Title: Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Expansion Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-STA-30476-R4)

Project Location (Stanislaus County): The Project will occur within Orestimba Creek and Toe Ditch, approximately 450 feet north of the intersection of West Stuhr Road and Bell Road approximately three miles north of the town of Newman, in Stanislaus County, California; Assessor's Parcel Number: 026-019-038; Latitude 37.331130° North, Longitude -121.104289° West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-STA-30476-R4) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Central California Irrigation District.

Project activities will include construction of diversion structures and diversion of floodwater from Orestimba Creek for storage and infiltration to the Delta-Mendota groundwater subbasin.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 2/21/2023 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Julie Vance
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