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

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Project Title: Permit No. 19691: Merced Irrigation District Canal Intertie Project

Project Applicant: Le Grand-Athlone Water District

Lead Agency/Address: Le Grand-Athlone Water District, 216 Robertson Blvd, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Lead Agency Contact Person: Phil Janzen, (559) 479-0514

Project Location/City/County: The project is located approximately 0.95 miles upstream of the intersection of South Fresno Road and Mariposa Creek in Merced County, California, at 37.23623°N 120.22966°W, Merced County Public Works (Merced Streams Group), Mariposa Creek, Merced County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 19691, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To install an 84-inch diameter siphon pipeline via trenching through Mariposa Creek as part of the Merced Irrigation District's (MID) canal system that will provide the primary conveyance of surface water in the Merced Subbasin. The project includes clearing and grubbing of vegetation, pipe staging, trench excavation, pipe installation, grading and sloping the top of the backfilled trench to pre-construction conditions, and reseeding for slope stabilization.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on January 11, 2024 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 the Board's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of the Board's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The Mitigated Negative Declaration, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency's office listed above. The Board's administrative record related to the encroachment permit is available for public review at the Board's office.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: Chris Lief, Executive Officer January 11, 2024

Signature Date

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.