

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022060682

Project Title: State Route 180 Two-Way Left-Turn Channelization (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-34288-R4)

Project Location: The project is in Fresno County on State Route 180 between postmile 89.6, located 0.4 mile east of George Smith Road and postmile 90.7, located near Elwood Road in Yokuts Valley.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-FRE-34288-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Caltrans proposes to widen the south side of State Route 180 by 15 feet and install a two-way left-turn lane within the project limits. Other work will include upgrading drainage systems through the project limits and installing one traffic monitoring station system.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/13/2023 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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Sarah Paulson

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Date: 7/13/2023

For Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____