

Notice of Determination

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County of: Merced
Address: 2222 M Street, Merced, CA
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From:

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2023090577

Project Title: 10-1M140 Highway 59 Phase 1 Widening and Widening Over Black Rascal Creek Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location (include county): State Route 59, from post miles 15.4 to 16.6, in Merced County

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Merced proposes to widen and improve State Route 59 from a two-lane roadway to four lanes from the 16th Street intersection to about 600 feet south of Buena Vista Drive. The Highway 59 Phase 1 Widening and Widening Over Black Rascal Creek project also proposes to replace the Black Rascal Creek Bridge and the South Fork Black Rascal Creek Bridge. Additional project features include standard shoulders, intersection improvements, Class 2 bicycle lanes, a striped two-way left-turn lane and median, and sidewalks.

This is to advise that the California Department of Transportation (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on 12/6/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the general public at:
<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-10/district-10-current-projects/10-1m140>

Signature (Public Agency): Laura N. Cook Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Date: 03/25/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.