

Notice of Determination**- 1 -**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017091074

Project Title: Burchell Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0074-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located in Duck Slough at the Burchell Avenue crossing, approximately two miles north of East Le Grand Road in Merced County, State of California; Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, Township 8 South, Range 15 East. Unites States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quad Map Planada, MBD&M; Latitude 37.257999; Longitude -120.288708. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 067-010-015, 067-010-027, 067-010-012, and 067-060-016.

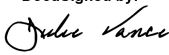
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0041-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Merced County Department of Public Works.

The Project consists of activities related to replacing the Burchell Avenue bridge over Duck Slough. The existing timber bridge structure will be removed, and the new bridge will be constructed within the same alignment. Existing piers and abutments on each side of the slough will be removed. Construction of the new bridge includes construction of piers and abutments, and installation of rock slope protection below the abutments. Related activities include dewatering if needed, prior to construction work, and the use of falsework during construction. The bridge superstructure is designed to allow 100-year flood flows to pass under the bridge with a minimum of three feet of freeboard.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 8/13/2021 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.

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Date: 8/13/2021

Julie Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____