

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Tulare
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From: Lead Agency & Applicant
Public Agency: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
Address: 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd.
Farmersville, CA 93223
Contact: Luis Verdugo
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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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): 2025030880

Project Title: River and Stream Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, 2975 N Farmersville Blvd, Farmersville, CA 93223

Project Location (include county): Farmersville, Tulare, Visalia Kings and Tulare Counties **TULARE COUNTY**

Project Description:

See attached Project Description.

MAY 9 2025

ASSESSOR / CLERK-RECORDER
BY: CF

This is to advise that the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on May 6, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
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:

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District - 2975 Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, CA 93223

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: General Manager

Date: 5/7/25 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Description

The Project consists of routine channel maintenance within the Kaweah River system in Tulare and Kings Counties for the purpose of flood control. Living and dead vegetation, accumulations of sand and sediment, and debris will be removed from within the channel and along each bank. Overhanging limbs, invasive vegetation, hazardous or dead trees, and other debris will be removed. Heavy equipment such as excavators, bulldozers, skidsteers, dump trucks, and loaders will be utilized. Chainsaws and other hand-held equipment will be used to trim and remove vegetation. Vegetation is then removed from the site or left to decompose naturally after being placed a safe distance from water features.

Herbicide will be applied via commercial-grade spray equipment to control weedy vegetation along the channel banks. Repairs and maintenance will be conducted to existing flow control, erosion control, and measurement structures. The Project does not propose de-watering of channels as most work will be completed during low-flow or while the streambed is dry.

The District is currently performing routine maintenance activities within the Kaweah River under provisions of an existing LSA Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The term of the existing Agreement ends in June 2025. At this time, the District is seeking a new long-term LSA Agreement with CDFW in order to continue maintenance activities. No substantial changes or alterations in the provisions of the agreement are proposed.

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF TULARE**

The project hereafter described will, in our evaluation, have no significant effect on the environment and does not, therefore, require the filing of an Environmental Impact Report.

Board of Directors
Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District

By: 
Shane Smith, Secretary

Dated: 5/7/25

Brief description of project:

River/Stream Maintenance for Flood Control in the Kaweah River System

The proposed project involves river/stream channel maintenance for flood control along the Kaweah River system including tributaries and distributaries of the Kaweah River in Tulare and Kings Counties, California. Activities include removal of living and dead vegetation, sediment, and debris from inside the channel and along the interior banks. Additionally, herbicide will be applied to control vegetation inside and along the channel banks. Repairs and maintenance will be conducted to existing flow, erosion control, and measurement structures.

Reason(s) for negative declaration finding:

The project does not have the potential for any significant adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively. Some precautionary-preventive measures, agency approvals, and a Programmatic Stream Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game will be implemented to avoid and reduce impacts.

Initial study prepared by:

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District

Initial study available at:

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
2975 North Farmersville Boulevard
Farmersville, California 93223