

**Notice of Determination****- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017011071

**Project Title:** Limekiln Road Bridge (No. 43C0054) Replacement at Pescadero Creek (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-009-04 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The Limekiln Road Bridge Replacement (No. 43C0054) at Pescadero Creek (Project) is located in western San Benito County on the southern portion of the Gabilan Mountain range, approximately 11 miles south of the City of Hollister (Figure 1). The Project is located within the 7.5-Minute United States Geological Survey Paicines quadrangle, in Township 14 South, Range 6 East, and in Sections 20, 16, and 17. The Project is located at approximately 36.705616, -121.328687.

**Project Description:** The Project involves the replacement of the existing bridge over Pescadero Creek on Limekiln Road. Actions associated with the Project include: clearing and grubbing; relocation of an underground utility line; installation of a temporary stream diversion; installation of a temporary traffic detour; bridge demolition; pile driving; bridge construction; relocation of a drainage ditch; approach roadway work; construction of bioretention swales; grading; placement of rock slope protection; and on-site restoration activities.

The Project will result in the permanent and temporary loss of 1.85 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat and is expected to result in incidental take of the species, which is designated as a threatened under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 4/18/2024 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 CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [ An environmental impact report /  A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [ were /  were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [ were /  were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

