

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016092015

Project Title: Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0204-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the Sacramento Bypass and East Levee of the Yolo Bypass, in the County of Yolo, State of California, located in portions of Townships 9 North and 10 North, Ranges 3 East and 4 East, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) maps Sacramento West, Taylor Monument, and Gray's Bend, Mt. Diablo Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has extended Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0204-R2, pursuant to section 1605 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the California Department of Water Resources, as represented by Mary Jimenez.

The extension will extend the project from April 9, 2025, to December 31, 2026. The project will set back levees protecting the Lower Elkhorn Basin, including the Sacramento Bypass North Levee and a portion of the Yolo Bypass East Levee, thereby increasing the capacity of the Yolo and Sacramento Bypasses and reducing flood risk on the upper Yolo Bypass and Sacramento River. The Project will also implement several ecosystem elements that have been designed to offset effects to biological resources resulting from LEBLS project activities, through the enhancement of features for sensitive species.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will 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 environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).

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3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of execution of the above Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ Date: 5/8/2025

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