

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**TO:** OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
1400 TENTH STREET, ROOM 212  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

**FROM:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION  
9838 OLD PLACERVILLE ROAD, SUITE B  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95827

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code; Addendum to an Approved Environmental Impact Report.

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**PROJECT TITLE:**

2081 Permit Application – Tricolored Blackbird  
Addendum to the Electrified Fences and Other Projects  
At Six State Prisons Environmental Impact Report

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:**

1999021091

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**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Sierra Conservation Center State Prison  
5100 O'Byrnes Ferry Rd  
Jamestown, California

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:**

Peter J. Connelly, Jr., Chief  
Environmental Planning Section  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management

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**PROJECT COUNTY:**

Tuolumne County

**PHONE NUMBER FOR AGENCY CONTACT:**

Peter J. Connelly, Jr., (279) 223-2835

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has approved an addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Electrified Fences and Other Projects at Six State Prisons Project EIR (1999 EIR) (State Clearinghouse #1999021091), as certified by the CDCR in August 1999. When the 1999 EIR was adopted, tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) was considered a species of special concern by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the 1999 EIR described that the project could result in accidental electrocution of this species at Sierra Conservation Center (SCC) due to contact with the facility's lethal electrified fence (LEF). Since that time, tricolored blackbird has been listed as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act and mortality of the species has been documented at SCC. Because mortality of tricolored blackbird due to contact with the LEF at SCC has occurred since it has become a state-listed species and may continue to occur, CDCR is seeking an incidental take permit to comply with previously adopted mitigation included in the 1999 EIR. The addendum to the 1999 EIR was prepared pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines to address minor project changes, changed circumstances, and new information since certification of the 1999 EIR.

This is to advise that CDCR, as lead agency, has approved the addendum to the 1999 EIR on May 8, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the project, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164:

1. An EIR was prepared for the Electrified Fences and Other Projects at Six State Prisons Project (SCH No. 1999021091) and certified, and the project was approved by CDCR in August 1999. An addendum to the approved 1999 EIR was approved by the lead agency on May 8, 2024.
2. The Electrified Fences and Other Projects at Six State Prisons Project will have a significant effect on the environment. However, the project modifications, as considered in the 1999 Final EIR, will not have new or substantially more severe significant effects beyond those previously identified in the 1999 EIR. The 1999 EIR remains a valid and accurate document for assessing and mitigating identified adverse environmental effects that would occur as a result of the project modifications.

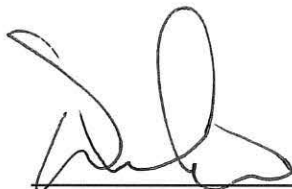
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project modifications.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for the project modifications.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project modifications.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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This is to approve that the Addendum to the 1999 Final EIR and record of project approval are available to the General Public at: CDCR, Facility Planning, Construction and Management, 9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95827. Contact Peter J. Connelly, Jr., Chief, Environmental Planning Section at (279) 223-2835 for copies of the Addendum.

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**Date Received for Filing:**



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**Dave Lewis, Director  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management  
California Department of Corrections and  
Rehabilitation**

Signed: 5/7/24