

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

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 91022072

Project Title: FRE-180 Kings Canyon Expressway 3 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2013-0194-R4) Major Amendment No. 8

Project Location (include county): The Project is generally located along State Route (SR) 180 between Post Mile 74.1 and 78.6, southeast of the city of Fresno in Fresno County, California

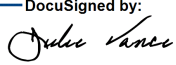
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 8, a major amendment to the already amended Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) number 1600-2013-0194-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The Project involves activities related to roadway realignment and widening work on SR 180 where it crosses over the Centerville-Kingsburg Canal, China Slough, Collins Creek, the Kings River, Cameron Slough, Byrd Slough, the Carmelita Canal, and the Mount Campbell Canal. This Major Amendment No. 8 allows Caltrans an alternative method of satisfying their mitigation obligation under the Agreement and reflects a change in the Project Description as it pertains to existing culverts conveying China Slough (Location #2).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described Project on 3/20/2020 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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 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 made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR prepared for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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