

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

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**From:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015021078

Project Title: Rosa Morada Road Bridge Replacement Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit (ITP) No. 2081-2021-023-04)

Project Location: The Rosa Morada Road Bridge Replacement Project (Project) is located at the crossing of Rosa Morada Road over Arroyo Dos Picachos, approximately 4 miles northeast of downtown Hollister, in San Benito County, California. The bridge, on which the Project is centered, is located at 36.8938, -121.3522.

Project Description: As part of its ongoing bridge and traffic safety efforts, San Benito County has selected the Rosa Morada Bridge for replacement. The Project includes (1) roadway alignment and profile grading, (2) construction of an on-site detour, (3) removal of the existing Rosa Morada Road Bridge, (4) construction of the replacement Rosa Morada Road Bridge, (5) channel improvements, and (6) removal of existing trees.

The Project will result in impacts to 1.4 acres of California tiger salamander (CTS, *Ambystoma californiense*) habitat including temporary impacts to 1.08 acres; the Project will permanently remove 0.32 acres of CTS habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of CTS, which is designated as a threatened species 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 7/26/2022 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.
- Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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**Signature****Date:** 7/26/2022Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_