

**Notice of Determination**

**Appendix D**

**To:**

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**From:**

Public Agency: SJ Regional Rail Commission  
Address: 949 East Channel Street  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Contact: Dan Leavitt  
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Lead Agency (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018012014

Project Title: ACE Ceres-Merced Extension Project

Project Applicant: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

Project Location (include county): UPRR right-of-way in Stanislaus and Merced Counties

**Project Description:**

The Project would consist of the following: track upgrades, new track, and new bridges, which would result in a second mainline track along approximately 34-miles of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Fresno Subdivision between Ceres and Merced; new Turlock, Livingston, and Merced Stations along the extension alignment; and a new permanent Layover & Maintenance Facility in Merced to support operations.

This is to advise that the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission has approved the above  
( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

described project on 12/03/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above  
(date)  
described project.

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

949 East Channel Street, Stockton, CA 95202

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: MANAGER OF REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Date: 12/3/2021 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_