

## **Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2003101111

**Project Title:** Levee and Channel Maintenance (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2013-0045-R4)

**Project Location (Fresno County and Kings County):** The Project will occur in and adjacent to the Kings River, in areas associated with the Kings River Conservation District flood Project maintenance and operations, from Peoples Weir located in Section 1, Township 17 South, Range 22 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Burris Park, Kings County, to Empire Weir #2 located in Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Stratford, Kings County and to James Weir located in Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 17 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Helm, Fresno County. The Project also includes the pooled areas immediately upstream of Peoples Weir, Dutch John Cut, Cole Slough, Clarks Fork, and Crescent Bypass. The Project area encompasses approximately 140 miles of flood protection levee and 75 miles of flood protection channel.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has extended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2013-0045-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Kings River Conservation District.

The Agreement authorizes maintenance activities for flood control levees and flood control channels along the Kings River in Fresno and Kings Counties. The extension extends the Agreement expiration to September 30, 2030 and also modifies the Agreement to be more adequately protective.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 3, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 not** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 9/16/2026

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Date Received for filing at LCI: