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Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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County Clerk (County of): Sutter

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Conservation Board
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Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2
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SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted by State Clearinghouse): 2012082032

Project Title: Phase 2 Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project

Project Location: Sutter County, directly north of the town of Meridian

CEQA Region: N. CA

Project Description:

Project will remove the existing Meridian Diversion/Pumping Plant along the Sacramento River near Meridian in Sutter County, and replace it with a new diversion/pumping plant equipped with retractable cylindrical fish screens to prevent entrainment of migrating, at-risk, native fish species. The project includes improvement of the Main Canal to increase flow capacity to the Drexler Service area, extension of the Drexler Pipeline, and construction of a new Drexler re-lift pump station on the Main Canal east of the Sacramento River. The existing Drexler Diversion/Pumping Plant located south of the Meridian Diversion on the Sacramento River would be removed. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025124.

This is to advise that the project on 11/20/25 Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the above-described and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

☐ **Lead Agency** ☑ **Responsible Agency**

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 WCB's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☑ was ☐ was not] adopted by WCB for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☑ was not] adopted by WCB for this project.
6. Findings [☑ were ☐ were not] made by WCB pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final IS/MND with comments and responses and record of the project approval is available to the General Public at: 629 Entler Ave, Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928

Signature: Signed by: Rebecca J. Fris — **Title:** Deputy Executive Director — **Date:** 12/3/2025

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