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Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2012082032

Project Title: Permit No. 18762-1 – Phase 2 Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project

Project Applicant: Meridian Farms Water Company; Andy Duffey, General Manager; 1138 4th Street, Meridian, CA 95957; 530-696-2456; aduffey@succeed.net

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Tracy McReynolds, District Fishery Biologist; 629 Entler Avenue, Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928; 530-895-5111; tmcreynolds@wildlife.ca.gov

Project Location: The project is located on the left (east) bank of the Sacramento River approximately 650 feet upstream of the Highway 20 Bridge in the town of Meridian, within Reclamation District No. 70, Unit No. 02, at Levee Mile 4.09, at 39.147537˚N 121.9169˚W, Sacramento River, Sutter County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 18762-1, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To construct an approximately 230-linear-foot debris deflector supported on one 42-inch steel vertical pile and five paired pile supports, each consisting of one 18-inch steel vertical pile and one 12-inch steel batter pile; and to construct a two-level reinforced concrete access deck approximately 8-inch-thick by 18.5-foot-wide by 46-foot-long supported on engineered fill and concrete wall/footing elements. The access deck includes three concrete stairs, one galvanized-steel stair with handrails at the upper deck, removable handrails at the lower deck, and chain-link fencing with removable panels. Fence posts will be 3.5 inches in diameter, embedded three feet into 20-inch-diameter concrete footings extending six feet below grade. To abandon in place approximately 83 linear feet of the existing Meridian Farms diversion facility's 42-inch-diameter welded-steel intake pipe through the levee embankment. This permit modifies only the encroachments described herein; all other work authorized under Permit No. 18762 remains in effect.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on October 23, 2026, 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 the Board's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [☐ An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / ☒ A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [☐ were / ☒ were not] made a condition of the Board's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were / ☐ were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The MND, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency's office listed above. The Board's administrative record related to the Board permit is available for public review at the Board's office.

Chris Lief 10/23/2026

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.