

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017051054

Project Title: Plainsburg Lateral Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration No. EPIMS-MER-50348-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located within Mariposa Creek, east of the intersection of Burchell Avenue and Mariposa Way in southeastern Merced County, California; Sections 12, Township 8 South, Range 15 East, MDB&M; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Plainsburg; Assessor's Parcel Number 067-060-063; GPS coordinates 37.249176, -120.279033.

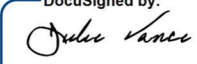
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MER-50348-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Merced Irrigation District.

This Project includes activities related to the trenched installation of a new pipeline across Mariposa Creek. Related activities include vegetation removal and temporary dewatering.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 3/24/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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 Environmental Impact Report 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 made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final Environmental Impact Report 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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 Signature: _____ Date: 3/24/2026
 Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____