

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.): 2017051054

Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026044 – MID Booster 5 Lateral Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Merced Irrigation District, 744 W 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340; Michael Morris; Project Manager; (209) 354-2882; mmorris@mercedid.org

Lead Agency: Merced Irrigation District, 744 W 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340, Bryan Kelly, Deputy General Manager; (209) 722-5761; bkelly@mercedid.org

Project Location: The 0.43-acre project area is within Section 16, Township 8 South, and Range 16 East (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) of the "Le Grand, California" 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. The approximate center of the project footprint is located at 37.238405° latitude and - 120.225411° longitude within the Middle San Joaquin-Lower Chowchilla Watershed, in Merced County.

Project Description: Approval of Minor Alteration No. WA2026044, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To replace the 30-inch irrigation siphon MID booster 5 lateral pipeline crossing. Site preparation consisting of trimming or removing vegetation within the construction corridor for equipment access and temporarily dewatering using coffer dams, pumping and/or diversion pipes as determined by the contractor. The pipe replacement will use the open-cut trench method to reach the pipeline. The existing irrigation conveyance pipe will be cut at the existing tie in points and removed and approximately 180 linear feet of 30-inch diameter rubber gasketed reinforced concrete, poly vinyl chloride, or high-density polyethylene pipe will be installed. The area around the sides of the pipe will be backfilled with 2-sack slurry up to approximately 5 feet below the channel invert and then backfilled with native material to bring the creek bottom up to the original elevation, with the top of pipe approximately 5 feet under the bottom of the creek. Disturbed areas temporarily impacted at the site will be restored to pre-project conditions once the replacement is complete.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on 5/5/2026 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 authorization jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / A Mitigated Negative Declaration] 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 EIR, 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 authorization is available for public review at the Board's office.

Chris Lief

5/5/2026

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date