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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: 2017051054

Project Title: Northside Canal Flumes 3 and 4 Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-63650-R4)

Project Location (Merced): The Project is located within two unnamed streams at locations along the Northside Canal approximately 2.5 miles northwest of the town of Snelling and 2.5 miles east of the intersection of LaGrange Road and the Northside Canal, Merced County, California; Assessor's parcel number 043-010-007-000; GPS coordinates 37.52860N, -120.38603W, and 37.52919N, -120.39000W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. EPIMS-MER-63650-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to Merced Irrigation District.

The Project includes activities related to the reconstruction of the Northside Canal Flumes 3 and 4 over unnamed ephemeral streams. Specific activities include grading, removal of the existing elevated wooden flume structure, installation of a new canal embankment, construction of a new concrete culvert, installation of access road over new embankment, installation of riprap, and vegetation removal. The new culvert, new embankment and concrete canal will be constructed within the alignment of the existing wooden flume structure.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on 9/10/2026 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.

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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.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Julie Vance FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 9/10/2026

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