

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: Booster 5 Pipeline Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-61300-R4)

Project Location (Merced County): The project is located .64 mile north of the intersection of Le Grand Road and South Ispen Avenue; 1.43 mile west of Le Grand, California, Merced County; GPS coordinates 37.23840, -120.22541.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. EPIMS-MER-61300-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to Merced Irrigation District.

The Project includes activities related to the replacement of a segment of the existing booster 5 pipeline in Mariposa Creek to support Merced Irrigation District operational activities.

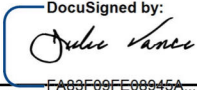
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on 9/16/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the Project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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.

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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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Date: 9/16/2026

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