

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015051074

Project Title: Madera 41 Expressway Project (Project) (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081 2024-068-04-A1 (ITP), Amendment No. 1)

Project Location: The is located on State Route 41 between post miles 1.5 and 7.6 in Madera County, approximately 4 miles north of the City of Fresno.

Project Description: The Project involves expanding the existing two-lane highway into a divided four-lane expressway within the 6.1-mile section of State Route 41.

The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and San Joaquin Orcutt grass grass (*Orcuttia inaequalis*), which is designated as an endangered species under the CESA. The Project is expected to result in the permanent loss of approximately 70.04 acres of upland habitat and 0.21 acre of breeding habitat for California tiger salamander, temporary impacts to approximately 21.03 acres of upland habitat and 2.96 acres of breeding habitat for California tiger salamander, and permanent loss of approximately 0.94 acres of suitable habitat for San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation. Amendment No. 1 reduces the area of impact to San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass and corresponding compensatory mitigation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/2/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

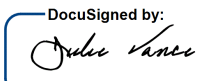
1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. An environmental impact report was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures **were not** 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a).

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7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

The environmental impact report prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ Date: 7/2/2026
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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____