

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015051074

Project Title: Madera 41 South Expressway Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MAD-53835-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located at tributaries to Root Creek and Little Dry Creek and in unnamed tributaries in the Town of Trigo watershed along State Route (SR) 41 between highway post mile 2.68 and 6.40, in Madera County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MAD-53835-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Project Applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The Project includes activities related to replacing culverts, removing culverts, installing new culverts, relocating portions of streams, constructing drainage basins, and installing flared end sections and rock slope protection. The Project is part of a larger project that would upgrade SR 41 from a two-lane highway to a divided four-lane expressway.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 5/29/2025 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 not 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 EIR 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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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date: 5/29/2025

Date Received for filing at LCI: