

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018092030

Project Title: Sacramento Municipal Utility District Operations, Maintenance and New Construction Habitat Conservation Plan (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-025-02 (ITP)).

Project Location: The Project's Permit Area is approximately 577,554 acres within portions of Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Amador, El Dorado, and San Joaquin Counties.

Project Description: The Project consists of long-term (30 years) operations and maintenance of the Permittee's electrical and natural gas facilities and infrastructure within its service area, as well as minor new construction activities and habitat conservation and enhancement activities.

The Project will result in impacts to 142.8 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) (CTS) modeled habitat including temporary impacts to 109.5 acres of upland habitat and 0.5 acres of aquatic habitat with 3.2 acres of indirect impacts to aquatic habitat. The Project will permanently impact 24.6 acres of upland habitat and 5 acres of aquatic CTS modeled habitat. The project is expected to result in the incidental take of CTS, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. 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.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a responsible agency, executed the above-described Incidental Take Permit on the date signed below and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An environmental impact report was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures were made as 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.

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- 6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
- 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 EIR 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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Date: 4/15/2026

Morgan Kilgour, Regional Manager