

## Notice of Determination

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Office of Planning and Research  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2009091125, 2009091126

**Project Title:** California High-Speed Train Project: Merced to Fresno Permitting Phase 1 and Fresno to Bakersfield Section, CP1C Permitting Phase 1 (Amendment No. 19 to Master Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2013-0060-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project will begin at the intersection of Avenue 19 in Madera County, California (Latitude 37°01'31.61"N, Longitude -120°04'41.51"W). It will continue south along the west side of the BNSF Railway until south of Avenue 15, where the alignment will transition westward toward the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Near Avenue 9, the alignment will follow along the east side of the UPRR, before crossing the San Joaquin River and entering the City of Fresno. The Project will end south of the City of Fresno, approximately 1,000 feet south of American Avenue in Fresno County, California (Latitude 36°38.29"N, Longitude -119°45'32.3"W).

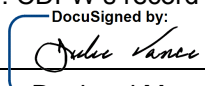
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Master Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2013-0060-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Permittee, California High Speed Rail Authority.

Amendment No. 19 involves revisions to Table 1 and Table 2 of the Agreement adding Schmidt Creek Junior to the list of Project locations and updating the anticipated impacts resulting from Project activities at Schmidt Creek. Amendment No. 19 also involves requested changes to Compensatory Measure 3.2, and CDFW initiated changes to the EXTENSIONS section of the Agreement.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 5/9/2025 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** 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.

Signature:  Date: 5/9/2025  
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_