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Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2009091126

Project Title: California High-Speed Train Project: Fresno to Bakersfield Permitting Phase 1 (Revised Amendment No. 32 to Master Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2015-0033-R4).

Project Location: The Construction Footprint spans approximately 95 miles, from approximately 1,000 feet south of American Avenue south of the city of Fresno (Fresno County, Latitude 36°38.29"N, Longitude -119°45'32.3"W) to 7th Standard Road near the unincorporated community of Crome (Kern County; Latitude 35°26'29.07"N, Longitude -119°11'56.70"W) and generally parallels the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway or State Route 43. The Master Streambed Alteration Agreement also involves activities that will occur within offsite restoration sites.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Master Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2015-0033-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Permittee, California High Speed Rail Authority.

Amendment No. 32 involves revisions involves revisions to Exhibit B, and Avoidance and Minimization Measure 2.7, this Amendment also includes Department initiated revisions to Avoidance and Minimization Measures 2.3(g), (i), and (j).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 10/21/2025, 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.

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