

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2010122078

Project Title: North Delta Fish Conservation Bank (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-YOL-41090-R3)

Project Location (Yolo County): The project is located at the northern tip of Liberty Island, in the County of Yolo, State of California; Latitude 38.32547, Longitude -121.68033.

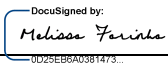
Project Description: : The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-YOL-41090-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant (Liberty Island Holdings II, LLC as represented by Timothy DeGraff).

The 810-acre project will consist of the following actions intended to create habitat for Delta native fish species in the Lower Yolo-Cache Slough area of Yolo County for the purposes of establishing a fish conservation bank. This will consist of removal of two existing levee sections and excavation of tidal channels, floodplain lowering, vegetation removal for tidal marsh creation/restoration, and revegetation of native tidal marsh and riparian habitat. The construction of each site is organized into the following stages: 1) mobilization, 2) site preparation, 3) levee removal, 4) excavating tidal channels, 5) floodplain lowering, 6) removal of an existing non-functioning water control structure and culvert, 7) vegetation removal/revegetation, and 8) demobilization and clean up.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/23/2025, 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 **Mitigated Negative Declaration** 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 not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration 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: 7/23/2025

Melissa Farinha, Environmental Program Manager

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Date Received for filing at LCI: