

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2019049067

Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026035 – Geotechnical Borings for Bear Creek Erosion Repair Project

Project Applicant: Crawford & Associates, Inc., Jasmine Bekkaye, Project Engineer II, 4701 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95822, (805) 200-8799, j.bekkaye@crawford-inc.com

Lead Agency: Merced County; Dept. of Public Works; Joe Giulian; Project Manager; 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA, 95341; 209-385-7601

Project Location: The proposed project is located at four locations along the right and left banks of Bear Creek approximately 1,000 feet south of CA Highway 140 in Merced County.

| Sites | Coordinates |
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| Site 1 | 37.299833°N, 120.552937°W |
| Site 2 | 37.299752° N, 120.555707° W |
| Site 3 | 37.298373° N, 120.556020° W |
| Site 4 | 37.299443° N, 120.557116° W |

Project Description: Approval of Minor Alteration No. WA2026035, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To perform a total of twelve vertical geotechnical exploratory borings at four erosion repair sites (three borings and two Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests per site) in Merced County. The borings will be 8 inches in diameter and extend to a depth of 25 feet. The DCP tests will be 1.4-inches in diameter and will extend to a depth of 10 feet or refusal.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on 6/3/2026 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within the Board’s authorization jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of the Board’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The Mitigated Negative Declaration, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency’s office listed above. The Board’s administrative record related to the Board authorization is available for public review at the Board’s office.

Chris Lief 6/3/2026
 Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date