

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019100230

**Project Title:** Above Henderson Park Habitat Rehabilitation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-18103-R4) (Project)

**Project Location (Merced County):** The Project is located within the Merced River, just upstream of and adjacent to Henderson Park, in the unincorporated community of Snelling, County of Merced, California; centered at 37.51846, -120.40855; Section 00, Township 5 South, and Range 14 East; U.S. Geological Survey Map Snelling; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 043-060-018-000, 043-050-015-000, 043-060-026-000, 043-060-013-000, and 043-050-020-000.

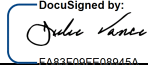
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MER-18103-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Merced Irrigation District for the Project.

The Project involves activities related to the restoration of a 1,900 linear-foot section of the Merced River. Project activities include the establishment, improvement, and removal of access roads and staging areas; diversion for dust abatement and supplemental watering of plantings; mature tree removal; construction of stream restoration features; construction of large wood structures; and revegetation.

CDFW, acting as a responsible agency, approved the Project on July 1, 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 State Water Resources Control Board Restoration Projects Statewide Order (Statewide Order) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and the Project notification materials supplied by Merced Irrigation District, including Merced Irrigation District's March 7, 2025, Notice of Determination, 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 PEIR 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: 7/1/2025  
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