

Notice of Determination**Appendix D**

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

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Project Title: Permit No. 19899 – Buffington Tract Salmonid Habitat Restoration Project

Project Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Lead Agency/Address: State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 Street 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Project Location/City/County: The project is on the left (approximately 5 miles southwest of the city of Ripon, near the intersection of Beckwith Road and Page Road in Stanislaus County (37.686111°, -121.212639°).

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 19899, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To restore three areas within the Stanislaus River Designated Floodway. Project activities include: excavate material from floodplain terraces (floodplain lowering), create side channels and alcoves, non-native vegetation removal, native vegetation plantings, and installation of large wood structures within the channel. Temporary access roads will be installed during construction. A total of 53,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated and hauled to a disposal site within the Buffington Tract outside of the floodway.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on January 16, 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 permitting 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 EIR, 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 encroachment permit is available for public review at the Board's office.

Chris Lief

1/16/2026

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

Date Received for filing at Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.