

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019100230

Project Title: Tuolumne River Regional Park Carpenter Road Floodplain Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Tuolumne River Trust

Project Location (include county): 37.61021, -121.02785

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve rearing habitat for juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead to support natural fish production and viability. The Project will be designed in a manner that does not preclude future public access improvements (e.g., trails) should those be pursued under a separate effort and allows for emergency/maintenance access. The Carpenter Road area was identified within the Habitat Restoration Plan for the Lower Tuolumne River Corridor (Habitat Restoration Plan) as part of the "Tuolumne River Regional Parkway" that has the potential to extensively restore riparian zones. A Master EIR was prepared and certified in 2001 for the Tuolumne River Regional Parkway.

The proposed project site is highly impacted by a legacy of urban and agricultural encroachment, levee construction, loss of riparian vegetation, loss of off-channel wetlands, loss of channel migration, landfill practices, and refuse. This has resulted in poor rearing and migratory habitat for juvenile salmonids, poor and fragmented riparian forest habitat, and poor water quality. There is a need to improve juvenile salmonid habitat which the project would support.

The project will improve the functionality of the Tuolumne River and support riparian species through the excavation of a side channel, low floodplain, and high floodplain areas and create habitat through the restoration of native vegetation. The Project accommodates the potential for future public access features by ensuring the design does not conflict with possible trail or emergency access corridors. No trail construction is included in the current Project scope.

This is to advise that the Lead Agency (City of Modesto) has approved the above described project
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

on 03/10/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.
(date)

The Project is within the scope of the Statewide Restoration General Order (SRGO) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and no new environmental documentation or Public Resource Code Section 21081 findings are required. All of the following statements are found to be true:

1. An Initial Study was prepared that analyzed whether the subsequent project may cause any significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the Program EIR and whether the subsequent project was determined to be within the scope of the Program EIR;
2. The Program EIR adequately describes the activity for the purposes of CEQA;
3. The subsequent project is within the scope of the program covered by the SRGO Program EIR;
4. The subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 15168 of the Public Resources Code, that was not identified in the SRGO Program EIR;
5. All applicable policies, regulations, and/or mitigation measures identified in the SRGO Program EIR have been applied to the subsequent project or otherwise made conditions of the approval of the subsequent project and no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required.

The Initial Study, Environmental Assessment EA/ENG No. 2026-04, on file at the City of Modesto Engineering Services Department, provides substantial evidence to support findings 1 thru 5, noted above.

This is to certify that the final Program EIR is available to the General Public at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2022/srgo-final-peir-combined.pdf

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Parks Planning and Development Manager

Date: 03/10/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.