

Notice of Determination

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020019068

Project Title: State Route 41 Ranchos Rehabilitation Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-008-04 (ITP) Amendment No. 2).

Project Location: The Project involves improvements to a 2.9-mile segment of State Route (SR) 41, between post mile 6.3 and post mile 9.2 in Madera County.

Project Description: The proposed Project involves widening and elevating the SR 41 roadway between post mile 6.5 and post mile 9.0 to correct non-standard shoulder widths, flooding potential, and line of sight issues. Beyond these points and within the 2.9-mile Project Area, the Project will involve repaving the existing roadway. Amendment 2 involves increasing the Project Area by 1.33 acres between post miles 8.2 and 8.5.

The Project will result in impacts to a total of 29.44 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat including temporary impacts to approximately 19.909 acres; the Project will permanently remove approximately 9.351 acres of California tiger salamander habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the lead agency / a responsible agency approved the above-described project on 4/16/2026 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 CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. An environmental impact report / A negative declaration was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ Date: 4/16/2026
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Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____