

Notice of Determination

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To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020059042**Project Title:** East Las Palmas Avenue Bridge Maintenance Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-STA-18126-R4)**Project Location:** The Project is located in the San Joaquin River at the crossing of East Las Palmas Avenue, approximately 2.4 miles northeast of the City of Patterson, Stanislaus County, State of California; Latitude 37.493811, Longitude -121.080686; Assessor's Parcel Number 047-037-013.**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment no. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-STA-18126-R4, issued to the County of Stanislaus.

The Agreement authorizes activities related to maintenance on the East Las Palmas Avenue Bridge over the San Joaquin River. The primary goal of maintenance is to clean the existing steel casings that surround the 28 concrete bridge columns, located between piers 4 and 8, and install new supplemental grouted steel column/pile encasements around the existing steel casings. The amendment includes changes in project methods to replace the use of a trestle for access during construction with a system installed by accessing from the bridge deck from above and the use of floating crane mats, and changes to an Agreement measure to protect nesting birds. Related changes to Protective Measures in the Agreement are made to address project changes to use in-water floating equipment and to remove requirements related to vegetation replacement that are no longer needed because trees will no longer be removed.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 7/10/2025 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 mitigated negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project 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 not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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Krista Tomlinson
 Signature: _____ Date: 7/10/2025
 For: Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____