Notice of Determination

Appendix D

TO:

☒ Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of: Stanislaus
Address: 1021 I Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354

FROM:

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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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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): 2022010100

Project Title: Naraghi Orchard Swale Rewilding and Extended Multibenefit Fallowing Project (proposed Project)

Project Location (include county): 17500 E. Keys Road, Denair, Ca, 95316, Stanislaus County (APNs 020005026, 02005027) (Figure 1)

Project Description: The proposed Project would fallow and replant 31 acres of previously irrigated land and rewild 12 acres of orchard swale within a fallowed orchard. The land would be replanted with beneficial cover crops intended to improve water penetration and retention, provide pollinator-friendly and bee-friendly habitat, and reduce groundwater demand through reduced irrigated acreage. Native hedgerows would be established along field boundaries to provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects, and livestock grazing would occur periodically throughout the year to support vegetation management. No excavation or tilling is proposed as part of the Project.

This is to advise that the ETSGSA (☒ *Lead Agency* or ☐ *Responsible Agency*) has approved the above described project on

10/01/2026 (*Date*) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Signature (Public Agency) Karen L Whipp Title: Board Secretary

Date: 10/02/2026 Date Received filing at OPR:

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

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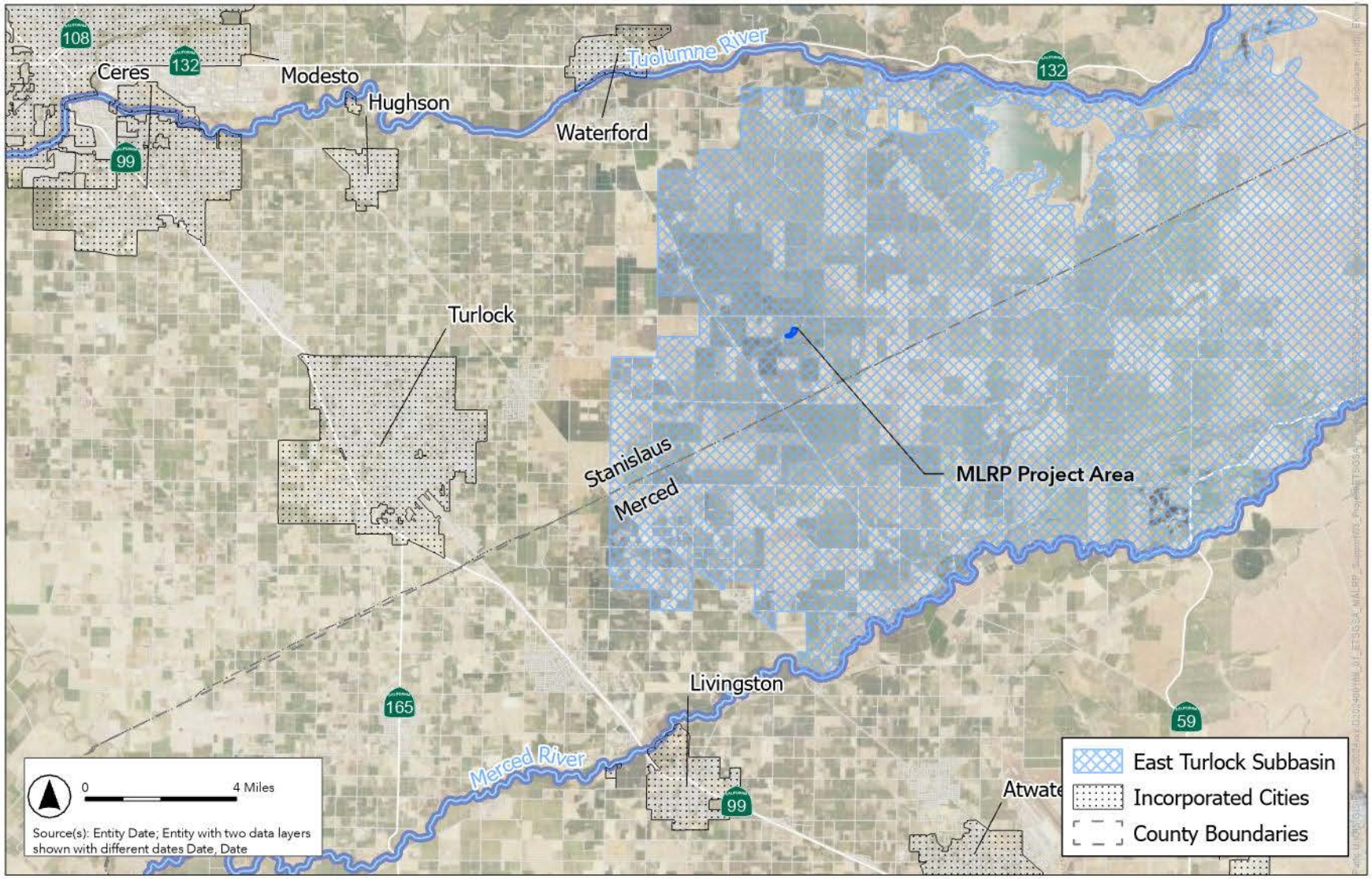

Figure 1
Naraghi Orchard Swale Rewilding and Extended Multibenefit Fallowing Project
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