

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022010311

**Project Title:** South Mokelumne River Setback Levee Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SJN-50846-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located at New Hope Tract along the South Mokelumne River between levee stations 242+50 and 268+00, 293+00 and 300+00, and 311+00 and 322+00, in San Joaquin County, State of California; Latitude 38.197409, Longitude -121.476446, 38.206733, -121.481414, and 38.209376, -121.488458.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SJN-50846-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, William Stokes, Reclamation District #348.

The Project consists of rehabilitating 3 levee sections, totaling 4,350 linear feet, along the South Mokelumne River between levee stations 242+50 and 268+00, 293+00 and 300+00, and 311+00 and 322+00. The work on the levee waterside consists of the excavation of levee sections to construct a riparian bench, the placement of soil filled riprap along the levee slope, and planting native species on the riparian bench and setback levee waterside slope. The work on the levee landside consists of placing as compacted embankment and replacing aggregate base on the levee crown. The compacted embankment will consist of imported fill material as well as salvaged fill material from the riparian bench excavation. Generally, the levee setback sections will feature a 16-foot-wide embankment crest, 2:1 waterside slope, and 3:1 landside slope to meet Delta Specific PL 94-99 standards.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 7, 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 not 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.

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The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Melissa Farinha Date: 5/7/2025  
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Melissa Farinha, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_