

Notice of Determination

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022030729

Project Title: Keene Pavement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-62886-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project is located at 38 streams crossing State Route (SR) 58 between highway post mile (PM) 76.38 and PM 88.59 in Kern County, California. Locations 1 through 8 are unnamed tributaries to Caliente Creek, Locations 9 through 13 and 15 through 18 are unnamed tributaries to Clear Creek, Location 14 is Clear Creek, and Locations 19 through 38 are unnamed tributaries to Tehachapi Creek.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-62886-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation.

The project involves the extension of existing culverts at 38 stream locations along SR 58 in Kern County. Additional work includes the replacement or addition of concrete headwalls (HW), alternate flared end sections (AFES), rock slope protection (RSP), drainage inlets (DI), and construct a new stormwater retention basin.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 6/11/2026 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.

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.

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Date: 6/11/2026

Julie A. Vance, Central Region Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: