Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022080053

Project Title: Forrester Road Bridge Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. [EPIMS-IMP-37170-R6])

Project Location (Imperial County): The project is located within the Westside Main Canal and Sumac Lateral Canal. The Project is located on Forrester Road, approximately 10 miles north of Interstate 8, and 5 miles southwest of the City of Brawley. The bridge is approximately 1,330 feet south of the intersection of Forrester Road and Imler Road in Imperial County at approximately 32.922973°, -115.621445°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-IMP-37170-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Imperial County Department of Public Works.

The Project is limited to the Forrester Road Bridge Replacement over Westside Main Canal project, which includes the following components: Forrester Road realignment, demolition and removal of the existing two-lane bridge, construction of a new two-lane bridge at the same location as the existing bridge, realignment of the Sumac Lateral Canal, and utility relocation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 9, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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