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Notice of Determination

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022100082

Project Title: Shaver Lake Viaduct Project (Project) (Amendment No. 1 to Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-55044-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located on State Route (SR) 168 between highway post mile (PM) 48.9 and PM 49.7, in Fresno County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-FRE-55044-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation.

The Project includes replacing a section of SR 168 with a viaduct structure while temporarily constructing a detour road using a welded wire retaining wall and associated removal of trees, other vegetation, gabion wall structures, and substrate along the lake shore within the Project area as well as restoring temporarily disturbed areas with seeding and plantings and recontouring the lake shore under the new viaduct. Amendment No. 1 changes the Project Description for the construction of the temporary detour road, adds the management of groundwater seepage, adds additional Avoidance and Minimization Measure and Reporting Measure, and updates the CDFW contact information.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/21/2026, 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 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.

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Signature: Sarah Paulson E9964E60293D40A... *Date:* 7/21/2026

For Julie A. Vance, Central Region Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: