

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023020265

Project Title: Tulare 245 Culvert Rehab Project Part 2 (Notification No. EPIMS-TUL-53172-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located at 43 stream locations along State Route (SR) 245 from 0.9 miles north of the Drive 152 intersection to 0.2 miles north of Wildhog Canyon intersection between highway post mile (PM) 24.54 to PM 32.45. The Project includes streams near the communities of Auckland and Badger, in northern Tulare County, California.

Project Description: The Project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of existing culverts at 43 failing drainage culverts. The Project is part of a larger overall project which includes improving drainage systems and associated elements along SR 245.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 5/21/2025, 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 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 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: _____ Date: 5/21/2025
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For Julie A. Vance, Central Region Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____