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Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024061125

Project Title: Friant Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-55366-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur on the south bank of Big Dry Creek, approximately 400 feet west of the Friant Kern Canal, east of the City of Clovis, Fresno County, California; Township 12 South, Range 22 East, Section 20; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Round Mountain; Assessor's Parcel Number 150-061-18; GPS Coordinates Latitude 36.86954, Longitude -119.59636.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS- FRE-55366-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Project Applicant, Fresno Irrigation District, represented by Laurence Kimura.

Project activities will include the construction of a riprap area on the south bank of Big Dry Creek for a new water diversion facility (turnout) to divert water from the Friant-Kern Canal into Big Dry Creek for purposes of groundwater recharge. This Agreement only authorizes the construction of the riprap channel and the diversion of water; no other parts of the construction of the new turnout structure are authorized by this Agreement.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 1/8/2026 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.

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: DocuSigned by: FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 1/8/2026

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