

Notice of Determination

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

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Project Title: Permit No. 20051 – Kern River Hatchery Siphon Replacement Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Lead Agency: CDFW; Gerald Hatler, Environmental Program Manager; 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA, 93710; 559-341-1814; Gerald.Hatler@wildlife.ca.gov

Project Location: This project is located at 14415 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238, at 35.773866°N 118.433795°W, within the Kern River Designated Floodway, Kern County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 20051, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To remove and replace the existing Kern River Hatchery siphon and pipeline operated by California Department of Fish and Wildlife to supply water necessary for hatchery operations. The project includes building a temporary coffer dam for demolishing and removing the existing inlet, removing the old above ground pipeline, constructing a new intake structure that includes a 10-foot-wide settling basin, a concrete incased connection to a new 42-inch, high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, and an underground siphon pipeline in the same alignment and locations, upgrading the existing pump vault, and upgrading the diversion structure and an outlet structure from the open ditch to a new underground pipe. The inlet area will have stairs leading to a concrete pad with a 10-foot-tall chain link fence parallel to the steps and a 5-foot-tall chain link fence parallel to the river.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on 4/14/2026 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within the Board’s permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of the Board’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The Mitigated Negative Declaration, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency’s office listed above. The Board’s administrative record related to the Board permit is available for public review at the Board’s office.

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| | <i>Chris Lief</i> | 4/14/2026 |
| Signature | Chris Lief, Executive Officer | Date |

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.