

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024090686

Project Title: Semitropic Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM) Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-61659-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project is located on State Route (SR) 46 at highway post mile (PM) 34.63 (Main Drain Canal) and PM 35.15 (Goose Lake Canal) in Kern County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-KER-61659-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Project includes activities related to rehabilitating the existing bridge concrete abutments at the two Project locations, as well as vegetation removal, minor grading for construction access, and installing erosion control treatments.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 3/9/2026 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 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.

Signature:  _____ Date: 3/9/2026

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: _____