

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2024101065

**Project Title:** Lee Vining Rehab (EA 09-37430) Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MOO-51663-R6)

**Project Location (Mono County):** The Project is located along US-395 at two unnamed tributaries to Lee Vining Creek and Mono Lake in the county of Mono, State of California. Project 1 is located at Post Mile (PM) 51.5, Latitude 37.958453, Longitude -119.119033. Project 2 is located at PM 52.1, Latitude 37.965217, Longitude -119.126195.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MOO-51663-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, with the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation District 9.

The Project is limited to the modification of drainage systems at two locations, called Project Area 1 and Project Area 2. Activities for Project Area 1 are limited to the trimming of ten narrowleaf willows of less than 2 inches diameter at breast height (DBH), removal of approximately 1,077 square feet of existing rock slope protection (RSP) within the first 180 feet of the channel, and installation of larger-sized un-grouted RSP within the same footprint. Activities for Project Area 2 are limited to the removal of the existing arched culvert (35 inches wide, 24 inches tall, and 124 feet long), removal of the flared end section at the culvert outlet, trimming of three willows of less than 2 inches DBH at the outlet, installation of a replacement culvert (30-inch diameter, 120 feet long), installation of a flared end section at the outlet, and installation of approximately 852 square feet of RSP at the outlet.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 16, 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 not 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 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: Brandy Wood Date: 5/16/2025

Brandy Wood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_