

## Notice of Determination

**To:**

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2025010778

**Project Title:** MLRP Basin Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-61710-R4)

**Project Location (Tulare County):** The Project is located within and adjacent to Cottonwood Creek approximately seven miles northeast of the City of Visalia, east of Road 156 and north of Avenue 362, in Tulare County; Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 25 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Ivanhoe MDB&M; Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 052-040-007-000; Latitude 36.44963, Longitude -119.21875.

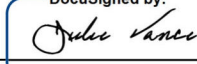
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-TUL-61710-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

The Project includes activities related to the construction and operation of a new pre-cast reinforced flared concrete turnout structure within Cottonwood Creek to support future groundwater recharge, by diverting water to a proposed adjacent groundwater recharge basin.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 5/27/2026 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:  Date: 5/27/2026  
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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