

FILED**March 4, 2026****MATT H. MAY
COUNTY CLERK**By Ralph W. W.
Deputy Clerk**Notice of Determination****To:**

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From:

Public Agency: Merced County
Public Works
Address: 715 Martin Luther King
Merced, CA 95341
Contact: Al Buenrostro, Supervising Engineer
Phone: (209) 385-7601 ext. 4632

 County Clerk

County of: Merced
Address: 2222 M St., Merced, CA
95340

Lead Agency (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025090291

Project Title: Atwater Jordan Road at Atwater Canal Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Merced County Department of Public Works

Project Location (include county): Atwater Canal on Atwater Jordan Road, Unincorporated Merced County

Project Description: Merced County (County) in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to replace the Atwater Jordan Road Bridge structure (Bridge No. 39C-0286) over the Atwater Canal (project), located approximately 0.3 mile west of Central Avenue, near the community of Atwater in Merced County, California. The project would improve public safety by providing a safe, permanent crossing over the Atwater Canal on Atwater Jordan Road. The purpose of the project is to replace and widen the existing bridge by approximately 10 feet along the existing horizontal and vertical alignment to provide two 11-foot lanes, a 3-foot shoulder on each side of the roadway, and new concrete barrier bridge rails similar to those on the existing bridge. In addition, the embankment will be covered with rock slope protection to mitigate scour within the limits of the bridge approach fills. Improvements to the canal access roads may also be needed to accommodate the widened bridge.

This is to advise that Merced County (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on March, 3, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.

6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at: Merced County Department of Public Works, 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95341

Signature (Public Agency): *A. Buena Vista* Title: Supervising Engineer
Date: 3/4/26 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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