

**FILED****Notice of Determination****April 7, 2026**

To: **MATT H. MAY**  
☒ Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 2044  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

By Healey Pinner  
☒ Deputy Clerk  
☒ County Clerk

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

**From:**

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

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): 2026010530

Project Title: Merced Avenue at Lateral #6 Canal Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Merced County Department of Public Works

Project Location (include county): Merced Avenue at Lateral #6 Canal Bridge, Delhi, Merced County, California

Project Description: The County of Merced in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, proposes to replace the Merced Avenue Bridge (Bridge No. 39C-0310) over Lateral #6 Canal, located near the community of Delhi, approximately 1.35 miles south of State Route 99 in Merced County, California. The purpose of the project is to provide a new structure that would be wider, satisfy current design standards, and can carry current legal and permit vehicular loads.

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): *[Signature]* Title: Supervising Engineer  
Date: 4/7/26 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

24-04/07/2026-0046

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

2026010530

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| LEAD AGENCY                              | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE       |
| MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS |                   | 04/07/2026 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING            | DOCUMENT NUMBER   |            |
| MERCED COUNTY                            | 2026-EIR-046      |            |
| PROJECT TITLE                            |                   |            |

MERCED AVENUE AT LATERAL #6 CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

|                                          |                         |                |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME                   | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER   |
| MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS |                         | (209) 385-7601 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS                | CITY                    | STATE          |
| 715 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY           | MERCED                  | CA             |
|                                          |                         | ZIP CODE       |
|                                          |                         | 95341          |

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)☒ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☐ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

|                                                                                                     |             |    |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)                                          | \$ 4,227.50 | \$ |          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                        | \$ 3,043.75 | \$ | 3,043.75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$ 1,437.25 | \$ |          |

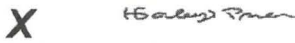
☐ Exempt from fee

- ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$ 850.00 | \$ |       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee                                         | \$ 50.00  | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                              |           | \$ |       |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**☐ Cash    ☐ Credit    ☐ Check    ☒ Other**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 3,093.75

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| SIGNATURE                                                                           | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE |
|  | Hailey Prien Deputy Clerk               |

MATT H. MAY  
MERCED  
County Clerk - Recorder  
2222 M STREET  
MERCED, CA 95340  
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Public Works

Finalization No.: 202610019

Cashier: re33

Register: REC-COUNTER05

Date/Time: 04/07/2026 02:49 PM

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Document No.: 2026-EIR-046

Transaction Time: 02:49 PM

Transaction Fee: \$3,043.75

Admin Fee: \$50.00

Transaction Total: \$3,093.75

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Total Amount Due: \$3,093.75

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Total Paid

House Charge: \$3,093.75

Amount Due: \$0.00

THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE