

**Notice of Determination**

**Appendix D**

**To:**

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**From:**

Public Agency: CA Department of Water Resou  
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Sacramento, CA 95821

Contact: Kristin Ford  
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Lead Agency (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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): 2026010949

Project Title: 2023 Storm Damage, Dept. of Water Resources Levee Rehabilitation Repair Site 23-081

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location (include county): Merced County

**Project Description:**

The project is located along the waterside (east levee) of the Eastside Bypass in Merced County between Levee Mile 17.5 (upstream) and Levee Mile 15.1 (downstream). DWR proposes maintenance repairs consisting of excavation of eroded soil, replacement of clean earth fill, and launch rock placement for slope stability. Geotextile fabric would be used to separate between earth fill and launch rock. Aggregate base resurfacing would restore the non-paved levee crown road to preconstruction conditions. The resurfacing would be approximately 0.4 miles in length.

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources has approved the above  
 ( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

described project on 3/17/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above  
 (date)  
 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 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 EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026010949>

Signature (Public Agency): Mitra Emami Title: Manager, Flood Maintenance and

Date: 3/17/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_