NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: CEQA@tularecounty.ca.gov

Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 S Mooney Boulevard (559) 624-7000
Visalia, CA 93277

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Tulare County Stream Channel Routine Maintenance Agreement Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2026071141

Contact Person: Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division **Telephone Number:** (559) 624-7000

Project Location: The Project area encompasses County-maintained portions of Antelope Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cross Creek, Deer Creek, Elk Bayou, Frazier Creek, Lewis Creek, Sand Creek, White River, and Yokohl Creek, including an approximately 100-foot buffer surrounding each creek reach to capture the associated riparian corridor. The Project area comprises approximately 3,502 acres within unincorporated Tulare County.

Project Description: Tulare County proposes to enter a long-term, 12-year Streambed Alteration Agreement/Routine Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for ongoing maintenance within jurisdictional stream channels, drainage facilities, and associated CDFW jurisdictional areas. The County anticipates approximately 30 maintenance projects per year. Activities may include repair or replacement of drainage facilities; channel alignment maintenance; debris, obstruction, and sediment removal; vegetation control and grazing; minor erosion-control work; and limited geotechnical or subsurface cultural-resource testing. Exact methods, locations, and extent of individual activities would be reviewed by CDFW through the Verification Request Form process. The IS/MND identifies potentially significant effects that would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through adopted mitigation measures and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

This is to advise that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, as ☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on November 3, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project: [Check the appropriate box below for each of the six items by clicking on the box]

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

2. ☐ An [Addendum / Supplemental / Subsequent] 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.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation Measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of approval of this project.

4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting 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 provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/EAO

Project Planner/Representative: Denise England, Grants & Resources Manager **Telephone:** 559-624-7000

Signature: Gary A. Mills Date: 11/5/2026 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division
Gary A. Mills

Signature: Michael G. Wash Date: 11/5/26 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH:_____

☒ Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required
- ☐ EIR
- ☒ MND
- ☐ ND

☐ Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Not Required – Fees Paid
Receipt Number: _____

Cc: California. Dept. of Fish & Game, 1416 Ninth St., 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814
Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.