

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2000042017

Project Title: Nicol Pit #88 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TEH-68790-R1)

Project Location (Tehama): The project is located on Thomes Creek, tributary to Sacramento River, in the County of Tehama, State of California; Latitude 39.95500, Longitude -122.32900; Assessor's Parcel Number 061-210-058-000

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-TEH-68790-R1), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Tehama County.

The project is limited to approximately 20,000 cubic yards of annual sand and gravel extraction from Thomes Creek. Aggregate is to be removed from the gravel bars adjacent to the low-flow channel with bar skimming methods. Limited native vegetation may be removed during gravel extraction. Non-native, invasive vegetation will be removed during project-related activities. Aggregate will be removed with scrapers and stockpiled in upland areas. The operation will re-establish a single low-flow channel through the site, and adjacent skimmed gravel bar surfaces will be graded to slope toward this channel. Any loose debris that has accumulated on the abutments of the bridge for Simpson Road will be removed during extraction-related activities. At the end of annual operations where extraction activities have disturbed the streambed, all depressions in the bars will be filled in and any mounds will be graded flat.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 14, 2026, and has made the following determinations

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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 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 made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The 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: 10/14/2026
Adam McKannay, Inland Habitat Conservation Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: