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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2008121018

Project Title: Hospital Road Bridge (No. 43C0065) Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2016-032-04 (ITP) Minor Amendment No. 1)

Project Location: The Hospital Road Bridge (No. 43C0065) Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project is located in the southwest portion of the City of Hollister approximately 1 mile southwest of Highway 25 in San Benito County. Hospital Road serves to connect Hollister with rural areas west of the city.

Project Description: Minor Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) includes a single change to the ITP as originally issued. This change extends the ITP expiration date from July 31, 2019 to April 25, 2023. Hospital Road bridge replacement activities include the construction of a 6-span, cast-in-place, pre-stressed, reinforced concrete box girder bridge on a new roadway alignment. The site is approximately 2,700 feet long, comprises approximately 19.71 acres, and consists of the existing Hospital Road low-water crossing over the San Benito River and adjacent areas along Hospital Road on both sides of the river. The new bridge will be 580 feet long and 37 feet wide and consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes and two 5-foot wide shoulder/bike-lanes.

The Hospital Road Bridge Replacement Project will result in impacts to 7.96 acres of California tiger salamander (Ambystoma californiense) habitat including temporary impacts to 7.12 acres and will permanently remove 0.84 acres of California tiger salamander habitat. These activities are expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [] the lead agency / [X] a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 11/18/19 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project [] will / [X] 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. [] An environmental impact report / [X] A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [X] were / [] were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was / [] was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [] was / [X] was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [] were / [X] were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
[] Payment is submitted with this notice.
[X] A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

Notice of Determination

Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature  Date: 11/18/19

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

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