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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2013112047

Project Title: I-680 Freeway Performance Initiative Project [California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2016-060-03 Major Amendment No. 1 (ITP)]

Project Location: The Interstate 680 Freeway Performance Initiative Project is along a 21.9-mile segment of I-680 in Alameda County from the Santa Clara County border in Fremont north to the Contra Costa County border in Dublin as illustrated in Figure 1 along I-680 within the entire Caltrans right-of-way. The Project is located within the Milpitas, Fremont, La Costa Valley and Dublin United States Geological Survey 24K quadrangles.

Project Description: This Project includes installation of ramp metering systems for 18 on-ramps/connectors along I-680 in Alameda County. Four of these on-ramps/connectors will be widened using retaining walls to provide for High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes, additional mixed flow lanes and California Highway Patrol pullouts. New traffic operations systems (TOS) elements will also be installed including 13 closed circuit television systems, three changeable message signs and 50 one-directional traffic monitoring stations. Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts will also be constructed for access to TOS elements.

The Project shall result in 17.63 acres of temporary impacts and 5.09 acres of permanent impacts. The project is expected to result in incidental take of the California tiger salamander and Alameda whipsnake aka Alameda striped racer, which are designated as a threatened species under CESA. 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 Major Amendment includes an additional 0.02 acres of impacts to grassland and Covered Species Habitat over approximately 1,000 linear feet for a grading line to install exclusionary fencing.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [] the lead agency / [checked] a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 12/12/2019 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project [] will / [checked] 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 / [checked] A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [checked] were / [] were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [checked] was / [] was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [] was / [checked] was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [] were / [checked] 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.
[checked] A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

[checked] 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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 12-12-19
Gregg Erickson, Regional Manager
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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