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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017041055

Project Title: SR 168 Culverts, 10 Culvert Replacement Sites Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0168-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at 10 culvert locations which channel surface water flows in unnamed tributaries beneath State Route 168 to the Big Creek, Musick Creek, and Stevenson Creek subwatersheds, respectively. The culvert locations were designated as Location 5, Location 9, Location 15, Location 18, Location 33, Location 34, Location 35, Location 37, Location 39, and Location 59 by Caltrans, and are located at Post Mile 44.18, Post Mile 45.2, Post Mile 50.13, Post Mile 52.18, Post Mile 57.8, Post Mile 57.91, Post Mile 58.03, Post Mile 58.37, Post Mile 58.94, and Post Mile 65.33, in eastern Fresno County.

Project Description: The Project involves the replacement of 10 culverts at Location 5, Location 9, Location 15, Location 18, Location 33, Location 34, Location 35, Location 37, Location 39, and Location 59 as part of a larger capital maintenance project occurring along State Route 168 between Post Miles 36.0 (Cressmans) and Post Mile 65.9 (Huntington Lake).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on and has made the following determinations 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.
- CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 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.
- A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead.

Julie Vance, Regional Manager

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