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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**  
State Clearinghouse Number: 2018052058

Project Title: Distribution Systems Improvement Project (California Endangered Species Act  
Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2018-074-02 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): Located at various locations on agricultural fields on private  
lands within Reclamation District's 108 service area within the unincorporated areas of the  
counties of Colusa and Yolo between the west side of the Sacramento River and the east side  
of the Colusa Basin Drain south of the town of Grimes and north of the town of Zamora.

Project Description: This proposed project involves replacing 27 manual control gates with  
remote monitoring capability (i.e. supervisory control and data acquisition [SCADA]) control  
gates to provide a system-wide management and monitoring as well as to minimize operational  
spills. The Project will also install a total of 1.6 miles of buried pipelines split at two locations.

The Project will result in impacts to 0.154 acres of giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*)  
habitat including temporary impacts to 0.15 acres. The project is expected to result in incidental  
take of giant garter snake, 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 /  a responsible agency] approved  
the above-described project on \_\_\_\_\_ and made the following  
determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project  will /  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 /  A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead  
agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures  were /  were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval  
of the project.

- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings [ were /  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.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- 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: 4/19/19  
*Kevin Thomas, Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_