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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-A1(ITP) Amendment #1).

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 is amending their ITP to revise the project description, amount of temporary impacts, and conditions of approval. The project will replace 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. 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.

The Project will result in additional temporary impacts of a total of acres of 0.045 acres of giant garter snake (Thamnophis gigas) habitat. 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 October 30, 2019 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).

**Notice of Determination**

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:* 10/30/19

Kevin Thomas, *Regional Manager*

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Date Received for filing at OPR: OCT 30 2019

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