

Notice of Determination



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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019039146

Project Title: Merced River Instream and Off-Channel Habitat Rehabilitation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0066-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur in the Merced River, approximately 0.3 miles downstream of the Crocker-Huffman Dam, off Merced Falls Road, about 4 miles north of the unincorporated community of Snelling, Merced County, California; Section 12, Township 5 South, Range 14 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Snelling, MDB & M; Latitude 37.51611°N, Longitude -120.38444°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0066-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Merced Irrigation District.

The Project includes activities related to the instream and off-channel Habitat Rehabilitation Project to enhance and create native juvenile and adult salmon spawning habitat, dramatically altered by intensive mining.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 11/21/19 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.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. 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.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date: 11/21/19

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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