

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

TO:

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FROM:

Public Agency: Turlock Irrigation District
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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Contact:
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019079119

Project Title: Turlock Irrigation District Harding and Nielson Fish Barrier Projects

Project Location (include county): Merced and Stanislaus

Project Description: See separate page

This is to advise that the Turlock Irrigation District has approved the above described project on (X Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

10/22/19 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects. (Date)

- 1. The project [ ] will [X] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [ ] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [X] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [ ] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [ ] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

333 East Canal Drive, Turlock, CA 95381

Signature (Public Agency)

Philip Govea

Title: Civil Engineering Department Manager

Date: 10/27/19

Date Received filing at OPR:

**Project Description:**

The proposed Project includes placing two fish barriers on the river side of the levees to prevent fall run Chinook Salmon from entering TID's canal system via the Harding Drain Culverts and Nielson Drain Culverts during the spawning season. These barriers will only be in place during the spawning season.

The barrier at the Harding Drain Project site will be a metal picket fence with removable sections to allow for cleaning/maintenance, including periodic vegetation and debris removal.

The barrier at the Nielson Drain Project site may be a swinging picket weir or a metal picket fence with removable sections. The swinging picket weir is a hinged picket fence hanging over a long crested weir. As debris pass over the weir, the picket fence is allowed to swing outwards to pass the debris while still blocking passage over the weir. Alternately, the barrier at the Nielson Drain Project site may be a metal picket fence with removable sections and motorized rotating trash screens on the upstream side to prevent vegetation and debris from plugging the picket fence.

Site preparation for both proposed Projects includes vegetation removal to facilitate the work.

At the Harding Drain Project site only, construction of concrete lining in the area between the culvert outlets and the new fish barrier as well as a permanent vehicle access path is needed to facilitate construction and on-going maintenance. It is assumed that a permanent vehicle path will not be constructed for the Nielson Drain Project site, as the existing levee slope is sufficient to allow for construction and maintenance access.