Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019090216

Project Title: El Dorado to Clinton Rehabilitation (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-FRE-45039-R4)

Project Location (Fresno County): The Project is located just north of the interchange of State Route (SR) 99 and SR 180 at the overcrossing of Dry Creek Canal (also called Houghton Canal) and West Nielsen Avenue within the City of Fresno, SR 99 PM 22.157. The Project work area is centered near latitude 36.74320, longitude -119.81912.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-FRE-45039-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

To accommodate widening of SR 99, Caltrans will lengthen two reinforced concrete bents (#3 and #4) on the SR 99 overcrossing of Dry Creek Canal. The columns of Bent #3 are situated along the south edge of Dry Creek Canal and are located within the 5-inch-thick concrete lined, trapezoidal, streambed. The columns of Bent #4 are situated just north of Dry Creek Canal and are located outside of the streambed, on top of the berm, directly adjacent to the top edge of the concrete canal.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 4/11/2024 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.
- A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:	4/11/2024 Date:
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager	
Date Received for filing at OPR:	