Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020049051

Project Title: State Route 41 Stratford Kings River Bridge Replacement Project (EPIMS No. EPIMS-KIN-13591-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur where State Route 41 crosses the Kings River southwest of the community of Stratford in Kings County. Project-related activities will occur near latitude 36.180131 / longitude -119.834626 in the east half of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M). The Project Area can be located on the Stratford, California 7.5-minute quadrangle United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map.

Project Description: The Project involves the replacement of the existing State Route 41 bridge over the Kings River, the replacement of existing overside drains, the placement of new armoring within the stream and a 50-milelong detour around the Project location.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 11/22/2022 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 mitigated negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
- A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

DocuSigned by:

Julie Vance

<u>Da</u>te: 11/22/2022

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Signature

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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