Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020070331

Project Title: Pumpkin Center Rehabilitation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-44385-R4)

Project Location: The Project is in Kern County along State Route 119 between postmile 28.2 and postmile 31.3, in the community of Pumpkin Center.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-KER-44385-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Caltrans will upgrade the drainage systems of State Route 119 in four locations: Farmer's Canal, Randall Ditch, Burness Ditch, and Branch One Ditch. This involves the removal and extension of existing culvert structures as well as the removal and placement of rock slope protection.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on $\frac{1/9/2024}{2024}$ 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 1/9/2024

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Signature:

Date Received for filing at OPR: