

**Notice of Determination****To:**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021020008

**Project Title:** Tim Bell Road Over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-STA-32852-R4)

**Project Location (Stanislaus County):** The Project is located within Dry Creek at Tim Bell Road, 0.8 mile south of its intersection with Claribel Road, approximately 5.38 miles northeast of the City of Waterford and 14 miles southeast of the City of Oakdale; Sections 6, Township 3 South, Range 12 East, MDBM. The site is located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 008-001-038, 008-001-036, 008-001-056, and 008-001-055; coordinates 37.70014, -120.69605.

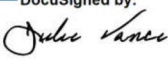
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-STA-32852-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Stanislaus County.

The project involves the demolition of the existing 131-foot by 20-foot-wide Tim Bell Road Bridge (Bridge No. 38C-0073) and replacement with a 160-foot by 26-foot-wide two-lane bridge structure and 906 feet of additional road improvements from 216 feet south of the bridge and 690 feet north of the bridge. Improvements include realignment slightly east, grading for increased elevation, paving, striping, and railing along the approach roadway on either side of the bridge within existing County right-of-way and private residence on the parcel west of Tim Bell Road.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 11/20/2023 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 EIR 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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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Julie A Vance, Regional Manager

Date: 11/20/2023

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_