Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021030323

Project Title: Newman Community Conservation Area (NCCA) Wetland Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-24161-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur within and adjacent to Miller Ditch and Newman Wasteway, in two parcels, a 78-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Canal School Road and Inyo Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 054-050-019 and 054-050-020), and a 24-acre parcel located northeast of Brazo Road and west of Newman Wasteway (Assessor's Parcel Number APN 054-05-010); immediately southeast of the City of Newman city limits, 27.50 miles east of Merced; northwestern Merced County; Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 9 East; USGS 7.5-Minute Quads Newman and Gustine, MDBM; centered approximately at Latitude 37.310217 N and Longitude -121.003603 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-24161-R4, issued to the applicant, the City of Newman.

The Streambed Alteration Agreement includes activities required to enhance and establish approximately 11 acres of emergent marshland, seasonal habitat, riparian habitat, and native grassland to restore the parcels to historic conditions.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 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.
- 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.

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