Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022050355

Project Title: Pioneer Avenue over Lone Tree Creek Bridge 38C0262 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-STA-32601-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located within Lone Tree Creek at Pioneer Avenue, approximately 1.75 miles north of State Route 120 in northeast Stanislaus County, California; Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 10 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Great Valley MDB&M; Assessor's Parcel Number 002-011-024; GPS coordinates 37.81987, -120.91473.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-STA-32601-R4, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Stanislaus County.

The project involves activities related to the demolition of the existing Pioneer Avenue over Lone Tree Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 38C0262) and replacement with a two-lane bridge structure to provide improved safety and operations. Project activity will occur within one 10-month work season.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 3/12/2024 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.

Signature:	Order Vaner	Date: 3/12/2024
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____