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**AMENDMENT NO. 3  
(A Minor Amendment)  
California Endangered Species Act  
Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-059-03  
California Department of Transportation, District 4  
State Route 84 Expressway and Widening and Interstate 680 Interchange  
Improvements Project in Alameda County**

**INTRODUCTION**

On September 11, 2020, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-059-03 (ITP) to California Department of Transportation (Permittee), authorizing take of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*) (also known as Alameda striped racer (*Coluber lateralis euryxanthus*)) (collectively, the Covered Species) associated with and incidental to the SR-84 Widening and SR-84/I-680 Interchange Improvements Project in Alameda County, California (Project). The Project described in the ITP as originally issued by CDFW includes the widening of SR-84 from two lanes to four lanes and modifications to expressway standards from south of Ruby Hill Drive and the I-680 interchange. The Project will also improve SR-84/I-680 interchange ramps and extend the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/express lane on southbound I-680 northward approximately 0.8 miles north of Koopman Road, north of the SR-84/I-680 interchange. The Project includes roadway widening; bridge widening; utility and drainage improvements, new bike lanes, frontage roads, flyover ramp, retaining walls, concrete barriers, HOV/express lane signs and gantries, stormwater treatment facilities, and wildlife movement crossing structures. In issuing the ITP, CDFW found, among other things, that Permittee's compliance with the Conditions of Approval of the ITP would fully mitigate Project impacts of the taking on the Covered Species and that issuance of the ITP would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species.

On June 13, 2022, CDFW issued ITP No. 2081-2019-059-03 Major Amendment No. 1. Major Amendment No. 1 included the following changes to the Project ITP: First, to update the Contact Person; Second, to update the Project Description; Third, to update the impacts section to reflect an increase on the taking of Covered Species within the Project limits for temporary impacts; Fourth, update Condition of Approval 9 as it pertains to Habitat Management Land Acquisition and Restoration; Fifth, update to the On-Site Restoration/Habitat Enhancement Plan for Temporary Impacts; Sixth, update to Condition of Approval 10 as it pertains to Security Performance; Seventh, to update the Findings Pursuant to CESA.

On September 30, 2022, CDFW issued ITP No. 2081-2019-059-03 Major Amendment No. 2. Major Amendment No. 2 included the following changes to the Project ITP: First, this Amendment updates the Project Description; Second, this Amendment updates the Project impacts section to reflect an increase on the taking of Covered Species within the Project limits from temporary impacts; Third, this Amendment updates Condition of Approval 9 as it pertains to Habitat Management Land Acquisition and Restoration; Fourth, this Amendment updates the Cost Estimates as it relates to Habitat Mitigation Lands and Restoration; Fifth, this Amendment updates the Covered Species Credit amounts as it relates to Covered Species impacts; Sixth, this Amendment updates the On-Site Restoration/Habitat Enhancement Plan; Seventh, this Amendment updates the Aquatic Breeding Habitat Restoration and Enhancement plan; Eighth, this Amendment updates the Performance Security amounts; Ninth, this Amendment updates the Findings Pursuant to CESA.

In a letter dated November 14, 2025, Caltrans requested a third amendment to ITP No. 2081-2019-059-03. Minor Amendment No. 3 request consists of an extension of the term of the ITP from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2029, to accommodate on-site tree planting in 2026 and related maintenance during the three-year plant establishment period. No additional impacts to habitat for covered species (Alameda whipsnake and California tiger salamander) will occur.

This Minor Amendment No. 3 (Amendment) makes the following changes to the existing ITP:

First, this Amendment shall authorize to take the Covered Species shall expire on December 31, 2029.

## AMENDMENT

The ITP is amended as follows (amended language in ***bold italics***; deleted language in ~~strikethrough~~):

1. The first paragraph in ITP, "Effective Date and Expiration Date of this ITP", shall be amended to read:

~~This ITP shall be executed in duplicate original form and shall become effective once a duplicate original is acknowledged by signature of the Permittee on the last page of this ITP and returned to CDFW's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch at the address listed in the Notices section of this ITP~~ ***is effective as of the date signed by CDFW below. Unless renewed by CDFW, this ITP's authorization to take the Covered Species shall expire on December 31, 2025December 31, 2029.***

All terms and conditions of the ITP and MMRP that are not expressly amended herein remain in effect and must be implemented and adhered to by the Permittee.

## FINDINGS

*Issuance of this Amendment will not increase the amount of take of the Covered Species compared to the Project as originally approved, nor will this Amendment increase other Project impacts on the Covered Species (i.e., "impacts of taking" as used in Fish and Game Code Section 2081, subd. (b)(2)).*

Discussion: This Amendment makes one specific change to the ITP and Amendment No. 1 and No. 2 as issued. CDFW has determined the extension of the term of the ITP to December 31, 2029 to accommodate on-site tree planting in 2026 and related maintenance during the three-year plant establishment period will not increase the amount of take or the severity of other impacts of the taking on the Covered Species. Given the circumstances of this Project, CDFW believes that this change to the Project or Conditions of the ITP described in this Amendment will not increase impacts to the Covered Species.

*Issuance of this Amendment does not affect CDFW's previous determination that issuance of the ITP meets and is otherwise consistent with the permitting criteria set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c).*

Discussion: CDFW determined on September 11, 2020, that the Project, as approved, met the standards for issuance of an ITP under CESA. This determination included findings that, among other things, the impacts of the taking would be minimized and fully mitigated and that the Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species. Those findings are unchanged with respect to this Amendment because the Project and ITP as amended: (1) will have no effect on the amount or severity of Project impacts on the Covered Species. Permittee's continued adherence to and implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures set forth in the ITP's Conditions of Approval and MMRP will minimize and fully mitigate impacts of the taking on the Covered Species.

*None of the factors that would trigger the need for subsequent or supplemental environmental analysis of the Project under Public Resources Code section 21166 or California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15162 and 15163, exist as a result of this Amendment.*

Discussion: CDFW issued the ITP on September 11, 2020, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). After, among other things, considering the SR-84 Expressway Widening and SR- 84/I-680 Interchange Improvements Project Rehabilitation Project Environmental

Impact Report (SCH No. 2016052033) dated April 2018 that the California Department of Transportation adopted for the SR-84 Expressway Widening and SR-84/I-680 Interchange Improvements Project on June 5, 2018 prepared by the California Department of Transportation. as the lead agency for the Project. As explained in the findings below, CDFW finds for purposes of CESA that this Amendment is a minor change to the original ITP. CDFW finds for the same reasons under CEQA that approval of the Amendment will not result in and does not have the potential to create any new significant or substantially more severe environmental effects than previously analyzed and disclosed by California Department of Transportation during its lead agency review of the Project, particularly with respect to the impacts authorized by CDFW pursuant to the ITP as amended. As a result, CDFW finds that no additional subsequent or supplemental environmental review is required by CEQA as part of CDFW's approval of this Amendment.

*CDFW finds that this Amendment is a Minor Amendment, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(4).*

Discussion: This Amendment determined the extension of the term of the ITP to December 31, 2029 to accommodate on-site tree planting in 2026 and related maintenance during the three-year plant establishment period will not increase the amount of take or the severity of other impacts of the taking of the Covered Species. These changes to the ITP will not: (1) increase the level of take or other Project impacts on Covered Species previously analyzed and authorized by the ITP, (2) affect Permittee's substantive mitigation obligations under the ITP, (3) require further environmental review under CEQA, or (4) increase temporal impacts on the Covered Species. Therefore, this Amendment will not significantly modify the scope or nature of the permitted Project or activity, or the minimization, mitigation, or monitoring measures in the ITP. CDFW has determined that the change to the ITP constitutes a Minor Amendment as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(4).

## ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

ON 12/31/2025 \_\_\_\_\_.

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