Notice of Determination

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From:  
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code §§ 21108 or 21152.  
State Clearinghouse Number: 201211083

Project Title: San Joaquin River Restoration Program: Salmon Conservation and Research Facility and Related Management Actions Project

Project Location: Town of Friant in Fresno County as well as various cities, towns and counties within the San Joaquin and Sacramento River watersheds and Delta.

Project Description: The primary purpose of the Salmon Conservation and Research Facility (SCARF) is to produce Chinook salmon for reintroduction to the San Joaquin River. The SCARF also would serve as a research facility for studies related to Chinook salmon in the San Joaquin River Restoration Program Restoration Area. The SCARF would provide California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with the ability to use relatively small numbers of Chinook salmon eggs and juveniles collected from various donor populations to develop a broodstock. The Project also includes: (1) reintroducing Chinook salmon to the Restoration Area (including donor stock collection, broodstock development, and/or direct translocation); (2) managing Chinook salmon runs in the Restoration Area; (3) conducting research and monitoring related to Chinook salmon in the San Joaquin River; and (4) managing and supporting recreation within the Restoration Area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [x] the lead agency / [ ] a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on __11/17/14__ and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [x] will / [ ] 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. [x] An environmental impact report / [ ] A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.  
3. Additional mitigation measures [x] were / [ ] were not] made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the project.  
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [x] was / [ ] was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.  
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [x] was / [ ] was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.  
6. Findings [x] were / [ ] were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).

The final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1234 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California 93710.

Signature: [Signature]  
Date: __11/17/14__

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Date Received for filing at OPR: ___________________