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San Joaquin River Conservancy  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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To: Fresno County Clerk  
2221 Kern St  
Fresno, CA 93721

From: San Joaquin River Conservancy  
5469 E. Olive Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93727

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

**Project Title:** Jensen River Ranch Habitat Enhancement and Public Access Plan

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Melinda Marks, Executive Officer, (559) 253-7325

**Project Description:**

The Jensen River Ranch project site is a 167-acre parcel owned by the San Joaquin River Conservancy, bordered on the south by the City of Fresno's Woodward Park, on the west by Woodward Bluffs Mobile Home Estates, on the north by the San Joaquin River, and on the east by Friant Road.

The proposed project will create a loop hiking trail surrounding restored native habitat areas on the site. Access to the river for fishing and picnic tables are included. Public access has been planned to be compatible with habitat enhancements on the property. The proposed project includes excavation and grading to establish wetland areas, and planting of the wetlands, riparian corridor, and visual buffer for the adjacent residences. The project also includes construction of trails, bridges across on-site wetland and water features, maintenance roads, signs and fencing. The public will access the site from Woodward Park and from the Lewis S. Eaton trail of the San Joaquin River Parkway.

**Determinations:** This is to advise that the San Joaquin River Conservancy (Lead Agency) approved the project on March 21, 2002, and has made the following determinations regarding the project: (1) the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; (2) a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA; (3) mitigation measures were incorporated in the project.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at the Conservancy address noted above.

Signature: Melinda S. Marks  
Melinda S. Marks, Executive Officer

Date: March 25, 2002  
March 25, 2002

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San Joaquin River Conservancy  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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( ) Proposed  
(X) Final

Name of Project: Jensen River Ranch Habitat Enhancement and Public Access Plan

Entity or Person Undertaking Project:

San Joaquin River Conservancy  
5469 E. Olive Avenue  
Fresno, California 93727

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Executive Officer  
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**Finding:** It is hereby found that although the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the attached Initial Study have been added to the Project.

**Initial Study and Mitigation Measures:** The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the finding and lists the mitigation measures that have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects.

Signature: Melinda S. Marks  
Melinda S. Marks, Executive Officer

Date: March 25, 2002

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**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY**  
**Resolution 02-02**

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE**  
**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY**

**ADOPTION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION**  
**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, JENSEN RIVER RANCH HABITAT**  
**ENHANCEMENT AND PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN**

*WHEREAS*, the San Joaquin River Conservancy ("Conservancy") has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the proposed Jensen River Ranch Habitat Enhancement and Public Access Plan ("Project"); and

*WHEREAS*, notice that the Conservancy proposed to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was provided to the public within a reasonable period of time prior to the date on which a Mitigated Negative Declaration was scheduled for adoption and

*WHEREAS*, the Initial Study identified potentially significant effects which the Project could have, but the Conservancy agreed to mitigation measures before the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was released for public review which will avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where no significant impacts would occur; and

*WHEREAS*, all comments received from the public in response to the proposed Mitigated Negative declaration have been submitted to the Board for review, together with responses to those comments; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board has reviewed and considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, together with all comments received during the public review and hearing process, prior to considering adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the Project.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:***

**Section 1.** The Board hereby finds that the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project reflect the independent judgment of the Conservancy as Lead Agency for the Project.

**Section 2.** The board hereby confirms that the Mitigation Measures and Performance Standards listed in Sections G and H of the Initial Study have been incorporated into the Project, and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, described in Section 1.

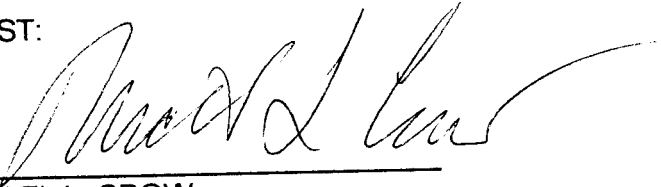
**Section 3.** The Board hereby finds, on the basis of the Initial Study and the comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the Project individually or cumulatively will have a significant effect on the environment.

**Section 4.** Based upon these considerations, the Board hereby approves a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.

  
BRAD CASTILLO, Chairman

Passed and adopted by  
The Governing Board of the  
San Joaquin River Conservancy  
on March 21, 2002.

ATTEST:

  
MICHAEL L. CROW  
Deputy Attorney General