Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013021051

Project Title: The Ramona Creek Development Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-24825-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Ramona Creek Development Project (Project) is located north of State Route 74 (Florida Avenue) between Warren Road and Myers Street, south of Celeste Road, in the City of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.746993, Longitude -117.028533; Assessor's Parcel Number 448-090-003.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-24825-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Craig Cristina of Richland Developers, Inc.

The Project is limited to fill of three unnamed ephemeral streams, referenced as Drainage A, Drainage B, and Drainage C, as part of roadway and infrastructure improvements for the Project. Drainage A flows from north to south and terminates at the southwestern portion of the property where it flows into an 18-inch culvert and exits the property, 0.19 acres of stream will be impacted. Drainage B flows from east to west where it terminates at the southwestern portion of the property into an 18-inch culvert and exits the property, 0.11 acres of stream will be impacted. Drainage C runs along the entire length of the eastern limits of the property (south of West Devonshire Avenue), diverging slightly in the southeastern portion of the property and intercepts with Drainage B, which then flows to the west offsite, 0.29 acres of stream will be impacted. Flows from the three ephemeral streams will be transported along the southwest boundary of the project site and exit the property through an 18-inch culvert to the southwestern corner of Warren Road and Florida Avenue.

The Project will also implement a master-planned drainage detention facility and open space area (Ramona Creek/Devonshire Basin) on 22.8 acres running generally east/west through the Project site. This drainage facility will assist in conveying and maintaining the historical drainage patterns of stormwater flow west of Warren Road and south of West Florida Avenue. The Project activities will result in a loss of 0.59 acres of stream habitat.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 17, 2022 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 environmental impact report 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** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Final EIR 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.

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Signature: *Kim Freeburn*
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Date: 11/17/2022

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