

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019011050

Project Title: Refugio Road Undercrossing Bridges Replacement Project, (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-26717-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located on State Route 101 where it crosses Refugio Creek in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California. The coordinates are 34.465594, -120.069288.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-26717-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation. The project is limited to replacing the north and south bound bridges on State Route 101 that cross Refugio Creek. Each bridge will be replaced with a single-span, cast-in-place concrete box girder structure of the same length, alignment, and profile. Each new bridge will be six feet and four inches wider than the existing structures and provide safety improvements including upgraded bridge rails. In addition, the project will replace the concrete channel bottom of Refugio Creek with a roughened ramp and pool geomorphic channel design that will restore steelhead passage.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 26, 2023, 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.

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.

Signature:  Date: 6/26/2023
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