

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016061064

Project Title: Inland Empire Utility Agency's Recycled Water Plant No. 5/ SCE Pull Box Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-41789-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Project is located within Chino Creek, at 15975 El Prado Road, in the City of Ontario, County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 33.96355N, Longitude -117.675572W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-41789-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (Permittee).

The Project is limited to the removal of a Southern California Edison pull box from a riparian-forested area and trimming of riparian trees adjacent to the area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 7, 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 not** 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.

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Signature: _____ Date: 9/7/2023

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____