

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017121050

Project Title: BUE 17 Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-32645-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The BUE 17 Project (Project) is located approximately 240 feet east of Industrial Way and 1,400 feet south of Highway 246 in the City of Buellton, in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.609229, Longitude -120.201274; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 099-690-048.

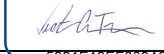
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-32645-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the Project Applicant, On Design, LLC.

The Project is the development of a 17.2-acre lot into a 13-acre business and residential community while restoring and preserving the remaining four acres. The Project consists of the construction of a bridge over Zaca Creek (Creek) and the construction of a storm drain outfall along the bank of the Creek. The bridge will be approximately 54 feet long by 42 feet wide. It will span the Creek with two abutments being placed outside of the top-of-bank on either end of the bridge. The abutments will include twenty-one 24-inch piers that will be reinforced concrete cast-in-place and drilled to a depth of 15 feet. Utility lines will either be attached to the bridge exterior or installed within the bridge via a conduit. The storm drain outfall will consist of a 14.5-foot storm drain pipe outlet, headwall, and riprap energy dissipater. This will be located approximately 50 feet downstream of the proposed bridge. The Project also includes removal of concrete and asphalt debris and non-native species within 0.26 acre of the creek bed and banks along with excavation and removal of an existing Arizona crossing. The creek will be recontoured in both locations to match the upstream and downstream channel grade and then re-vegetated with locally native plants.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on December 5, 2024 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency, and CDFW's record of Project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  _____ Date: 12/5/2024
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Victoria Tang, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____