

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2010091023

Project Title: Olancha Cartago Four Lane Project (08-21340) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0008-R6 Amendment No. 1).

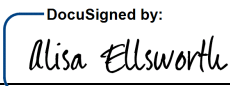
Project Location (Inyo County): The Project is located along and to the west of the existing U.S. Highway 395 near the towns of Olancha and Cartago, in the County of Inyo, State of California. The Project extends from Post Mile (PM) 29.95 north to PM 41.8.

Project Description: The proposed Project is limited to: conversion of approximately 1.8 miles of the existing U.S. 395 from a two-lane highway into a four-lane expressway, the construction of 8.45 miles of a new four-lane expressway on a new alignment and 1.6 miles of a two-lane expressway (southbound lanes only) on a new alignment to the west of the existing alignment. The Project will result in 16.926 acres of permanent impacts and 3.521 acres of temporary impacts to areas subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602 resources.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 08/05/2022 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 **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 not** 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. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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 Signature: _____ Date: 8/9/2022
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____