

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 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0008-R6 Amendment No. 2)

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 California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2020-0008-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation District 9. The amendment updates the Project Description to include underground installation of middle-mile broadband network within cut/fill slopes and shoulders and to remove the need for a settling basin and weir at Olancha Creek and installing a 36" temporary diversion pipe with energy dissipaters on the outlet side of the pipe. No additional impact 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 12/7/2022 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 not** 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.

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