

## 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, Amendment No. 3 of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0008-R6

**Project Location:** The project is located from Postmile (PM) 29.95 to 41.8 on U.S. Highway 395 near the towns of Olancha and Cartago, in the County of Inyo, State of California.

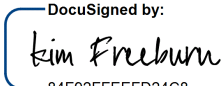
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0008-R6 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation District 9 as represented by Katie Rodriguez.

The amendment eliminates Measure 3.1 and 3.2, which required replacing native trees removed by the project (Measure 3.1) and consequently planting willows and cottonwoods at Olancha Creek (Measure 3.2). The amendment also removes Measure 4.2, which is related to Measure 3.1. The amendment includes the addition of Measure 3.4 to require the purchase of no less than 1.6 acres of episodic desert wash credits from the Coso Preserve Mitigation Bank to mitigate for the removal of cottonwoods and willows.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 8, 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 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:** Kim Freeburn **Date:** 4/8/2024  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_