

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002011116

Project Title: Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Routine Maintenance of Multiple Basins for Groundwater Recharge Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2009-0072-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino): The project is located within Princeton Basin, Wineville Basin, and an unlined channel at the Turner Basins; tributaries to the Santa Ana River. All 3 locations are within the County of San Bernardino, California. Princeton Basin is bordered by Interstate 10 to the north and E. Princeton Street to the south; Latitude 34.080544, Longitude - 117.579878. Wineville Basin is bordered by Interstate 15 to the west and E. Francis Street to the south east; Latitude 34.042514, Longitude -117.545875. The unlined channel at the Turner Basins is bordered by N. Archibald Avenue to the east, 4th Street to the north, and Inland Empire Boulevard to south; Latitude 34.072839, Longitude -117.594533.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2009-0072-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

The Amendment of the Streambed Alteration Agreement involves an increase in project impacts, addition of 3 basins (described above) to be included within the project scope, extension of the project term, and additional conservation measures. The increase in project impacts includes annual and periodic maintenance of the basins/channels to maintain recharge capacity of each facility. The amendment proposes an increase from 335.1 acres to 705.8 acres total maintenance area subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources. The amendment provides additional measures to address the temporary impacts that may result from expanding operation and maintenance of groundwater recharge facilities on existing fish and wildlife resources within the project area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 30, 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** 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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