

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2010111083

Project Title: SR-91/SR-71 Interchange Improvement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-18839-R6)

Project Location (include county): The SR71-91 Interchange Improvement Project (Project) is in the vicinity of the existing SR-71/SR-91 Interchange in Riverside County. The western Project limit is approximately 0.10 mile west of the Green River Road interchange along SR-91, and the eastern project limit is 1.3 miles east of the Green River Rd along SR-91. The northern project limit is approximately 1-mile north of SR-91 along SR-71, and the southern project limit is SR-91, in the County of Riverside, State of California. Project activities occur adjacent to the Santa Ana River and associated tributaries, Fresno Canyon Wash and Wardlow Wash.

Project Description: The SR71-91 Interchange Improvement Project proposes to improve the existing SR-71/SR-91 interchange by constructing a new direct flyover connector from eastbound (EB) SR-91 to northbound (NB) SR-71. In addition to the flyover bridge connector, the Green River Road EB onramp will be reconstructed, the SR-71 realigned, and access to properties relocated. The Project for purposes of this Agreement are activities including the grading, filling, and temporary disturbance of 25 ephemeral and intermittent streams referenced as Features A.1, A.2, B.1, C.1, C.2, C.3, D.3, E. F.1, F.2, G.1, G.3, I, J.1, J.2, K.1, K.2, L, N.1, N.2, O.1, P.1, P.2, Q, and R. Specifically, grading and filling of streams in support of bridge abutments, road realignment and water control structures; and temporary impacts to streams associated with construction access.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on February 8, 2022, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will / 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 initial study 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 / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The initial study and 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Scott Wilson, Environmental Programs Manager

2/8/2022

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____