

Notice of Determination

To:

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018111016

Project Title: Walker Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-027-06 Amendment No. 1 (ITP))

Project Location: The Walker Creek Road Bridge Replacement (Project) is located on Walker Creek Road in Inyo County within the unincorporated community of Olancha, California. Walker Creek Road is a narrow, unpaved road on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains; the bridge spans the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA), approximately 0.5 mile west of the intersection of Walker Creek Road with U.S. Highway 395. The existing bridge is located in the Olancha USGS quadrangle in the NW ¼, NW ¼, NW ¼ of Section 29; NE ¼, NE ¼, NE ¼ of Section 30, and SW ¼, SW ¼, SW ¼ of Section 20, Township 19 south, Range 37 east, of the Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an amendment for Incidental Take Permit 2081-2019-027-06 for the project Applicant, Inyo County.

The amendment for ITP 2081-2019-027-06 will not increase acres of impacts to the Covered Species. The amendment extends the original ITP’s expiration date to take the Covered Species by an additional year, to expire on December 31, 2025 instead of the original expiration date of December 31, 2024.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described amendment on December 6, 2024 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the amendment.
 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this amendment.
 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW’s administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW’s regional office.

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Signature  CAEE4779B63E4A3... 12/6/2024
Date: _____
Heidi Calvert, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____