

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018031010

Project Title: State Water Interconnection Project: Geotechnical Investigation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-VEN-15801-R5)

Project Location (include county): The State Water Interconnection: Geotechnical Investigation project (Project) is located within Ventura County, in the city of Ventura. The Project site can be located using the following information: Latitude 34.16222° N, Longitude -119.08550 ° W; USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map Name Saticoy, Township 3 North, Range 21 West, Section 00, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 129002006, 129001136, 128011022, 128004029, 128004033, 129002003, and 108004005.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-VEN-15801-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, City of Ventura Public Works Department, as represented by Jay Spurgin.

The whole of the Project consists of three geotechnical borings within the Santa Clara River in support of future activities related to a State Water Interconnection Project (SWIP). The geotechnical borings will be performed along the proposed alignment for the SWIP to prepare a geotechnical report related to subsurface conditions along a future pipeline alignment within the Santa Clara River. Several drilling methods may be utilized, including mud rotary, air rotary, sonic drilling, and rock coring. It is estimated that geotechnical borings will take approximately 15 working days to complete, during a time when the river channel is free of surface water and accessible by the proposed equipment. Access to the proposed geotechnical boring locations will require equipment movement within the Santa Clara River through a previously disturbed informal access path located on the western side of the Santa Clara River.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 1/28/2021 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 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 / 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 final environmental impact report 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.

Signature

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 Erinn Wilson-Olgin
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Date: 9/15/2021

Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager I

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