

Notice of Determination

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

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Project Title: Crawford Mine Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. RIV-29382-2022-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at three unnamed desert drainages to the Colorado River, in Riverside County, California; Latitude 33.706957°, Longitude 114.561780°, Section #27, Township 4N, Range 23E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Blythe NE, San Bernardino Meridian, South HWY 95, 7 miles north of Blythe, CA 92225; Assessor Parcel Numbers 815-131-003, 815-131-004.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number RIV-29382-2022-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Bill Crawford/Crawford Associates.

The project is described as a reclamation plan for the existing sand and gravel surface mine located on Federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The entirety of the parcels covers approximately 600 acres, and the mining operation has disturbed the entire 53 acres permitted for mining and reclamation by the BLM and County of Riverside.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on September 19, 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 mitigated negative declaration / 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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration / 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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