

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002071062

Project Title: Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge 1B (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-24521-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge 1B Project (Project) is located downstream of Seven Oaks Dam and south of the intersection of Cone Camp Road and Greenspot Road, in an unnamed stream that is tributary to the Santa Ana River, in the City of Highland, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-24521-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

The Project involves: 1) improvements to the existing man-made earthen channel and extension channel which includes installation of new in-channel infrastructure such as channel slide gates, concrete drop structures, concrete inlet and outlet weir structures diversion structures, concrete box culvert, low water crossing, energy dissipator, and rock-lining; 2) Construction of 19 new earthen recharge basins, and one existing Basin will be graded and lengthened; 3) new inter-basin pipeline connections (48" diameter corrugated metal pipes (CMP) will be installed between each of the existing and new basins (a total of 23), and six (6) new pipelines connection will be installed from the improved channel; 4) Existing 30" pipeline connects to existing Well 125 will be protected in place , and the existing channel at this location will be widened and existing two 42" CMPs will be replaced with five 48" reinforced concrete pipes; 5) construction of new access roads, modifications to existing access roads; and 6) construction of solar panels and instrumentation for basin level monitoring.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 18, 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 not** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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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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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____