

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

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From:

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 Highland, CA 92346
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018021016

Project Title: Base Line Bridge Geotechnical Investigation Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-003-06)

Project Location (include county): The Base Line Bridge Geotechnical Investigation Project (project) is located approximately 0.4 mile east of SR-210, between Boulder Avenue and Yarnell Road, in the City of Highland, San Bernardino County, California.

Project Description: The project consists of the excavation of no more than two small test pits, with the outside dimensions of each test pit limited to no more than 25 feet (ft) by 50 ft by 5 ft deep. No more than one test pit will be excavated on each side of Base Line bridge. Excavation will be performed using an excavator during day light hours. The project will be limited to a maximum of 2 days with no more than a total of 20 hours on site. The excavator will travel from the adjacent commercial parking lot on the west side of City Creek and from an open area on the east side of City Creek. Excavated materials will be temporarily stockpiled on the compacted shoulder of Base Line. The test pits will be backfilled with the same excavated material (soils, gravel, cobbles, and boulders) using the excavator. Any material that cannot be placed as backfill within the excavated test pits will be disposed of offsite.


The project will result in impacts to 0.06 acres of San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of San Bernardino kangaroo rat, which is designated as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on June 10, 2022 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 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.

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- 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a)
- 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 mitigated negative declaration was 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

Date:

6/10/2022

Heidi Calvert
Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____