

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2011121077

Project Title: Sheep Creek Culvert at Lone Pine Canyon Road (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0148-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Project is located less than 0.1 mile downstream (north) of Lone Pine Canyon Road and 0.6 mile upstream (south) of Lone Pine Canyon Road, in Sheep Canyon Creek within the community of Wrightwood in the San Gabriel Mountains, San Bernardino County, California. The central coordinates of the Project site are 34.349021° latitude and -117.614802° longitude.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2018-0148-R6) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works.

Due to persistent flooding and damage, on-site restoration of 0.92 acres completed on March 2021 at Sheep Creek has been unsuccessful and would require several more years to meet CDFW success criteria. Therefore, the Permittee proposes to amend the mitigation of temporary impacts by purchasing 1 acre of the State preservation credits in the Mojave Desert Tortoise Conservation Bank.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 6, 2023, 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** 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.

The Mitigated 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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