

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018051014

**Project Title:** Interstate 5 Improvement Project Between I-405 and SR-55 (Project B EA 0K6700), Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-43374-R5.

**Project Location (Orange County):** Located in the cities of Irvine and Tustin in Orange County, California. The project is located along Interstate 5 between I-405 and SR-55 as it crosses over San Diego Creek, Bee Canyon Channel, Marshburn Channel, Peters Canyon Flood Control Channel, and unnamed streams. Latitude: 33.705726, Longitude: -117.778604.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-ORA-43374-R5, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation. The Project will construct an additional travel lane in the northbound and southbound directions from just north of I-405 to just south of SR 55. The project will re-establish the existing auxiliary lanes and construct new auxiliary lanes, improve existing on- and off-ramps, and widening of several structures. The project also includes reconstructing eighteen channel locations.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 5/7/2025 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 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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