

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019011006

Project Title: Mediacom Onyx to Inyokern Fiber Optic Project (SAA No. 1600-2019-0191-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at 49 stream crossing locations along California State Highway 178 between the communities of Onyx and Inyokern in eastern Kern County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) number 1600-2019-0191-R4, issued to MCC Telephony of the West LLC (Mediacom Communications).

The Agreement includes installation of a new fiber optic telecommunications cable. The Amendment changes the method to horizontal directional drilling at the 14 parts of Crossing No. 36 in place of trenching. Work at 8 crossings will be completed using trenched installation, 35 crossings will be completed using horizontal directional drilling (boring), five areas will include a combination of trenched installation and boring, and one crossing will include boring and attachment to an existing bridge.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 4/6/2022 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 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 negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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Bob Stafford
Signature: _____ **Date:** 4/6/2022
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FOR Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____