

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013101041

Project Title: Los Angeles River Water Wheel, Bending the River Back into the City Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0040-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located within the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, California; Latitude 34.071574° N, Longitude -118.225799° W. The streambed alteration/construction will be from within the Los Angeles River near 1745 North Spring Street and 1796 North Baker Street between the Broadway and Spring Street bridges.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0040-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Metabolic Studio as represented by Lauren Bon.

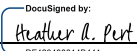
The project proposes to construct and operate a 48-foot-diameter water wheel outside of the river channel to model after the historic water wheel as an aesthetic/educational statement. About 0.2 cfs of the diverted flows will be lifted by the water wheel to the adjacent ground surface for storage, treatment, and distribution for irrigation at State Historic Park, Albion Riverside Park, and Downey Recreation Center. Diverted flow will re-enter the channel 2,300 feet downstream from the diversion point.

The amendment is to allow around-the-clock work only for the jack and bore tunneling through the west embankment of the Los Angeles River (LA River) channel to a receiving well pit on Metabolic Studio property, as presented in the original Project outline. The timeline for the around-the clock work at the Project site is 8 days and would begin on August 15, 2023.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 24, 2019 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** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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.

Signature:  Date: 8/10/2023

Heather A. Pert, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), signing for Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____