

Notice of Determination

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

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Project Title: Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0157-R6)

Project Location: The project is located at the Lincoln Street Drain tributary to the Whitewater River (Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel) at the intersection of Avenue 66 and State Route 111 (SR-111) in the unincorporated community of Mecca, in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.56921°N, Longitude 116.07903°W. Sections 7, 8, 17, and 18, Township 7 South, Range 9 East, United States Geological Survey (USGS) map Mecca, San Bernardino Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0157-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Riverside County Transportation Department.

The project is limited to the construction of a new grade separation to cross the Union Pacific Railroad and SR-111 along a realigned Avenue 66. The project includes the installation of a new triple box culvert on the Lincoln Street agricultural drain.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on June 18, 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 mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. 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 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 / 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature Scott Wilson Date: June 18, 2019
Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date Received for filing at OPR: JUNE 18 2019

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