

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014051063

Project Title: Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification 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.

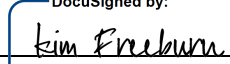
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0157-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicant, Riverside County Transportation Department. The Amendment revises the Project Description to include the construction of a concrete access ramp and pad within Lincoln Street Channel, and a temporary diversion adjacent to the bridge that crosses Lincoln Street Channel. These additional activities result in additional impacts to fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et. seq., and additional compensatory mitigation required under the Streambed Alteration Agreement.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on November 2, 2021, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will / 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 initial study and 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 / 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 / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The initial study and 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature _____ *Date:* 11/2/2021
 Scott Wilson
 Environmental Program Manager

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____