

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) SCH #2014071057 (Owens Lake Phase 9/10 Dust Control Measures EIR), EIR SCH #2011051068 (Owens Lake Phase 7A Dust Control Measures EIR), and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) SCH #2005061068 (Owens Lake Phase 5 Dust Control Measures MND).

Project Title: OWENS LAKE T2-1B AND T1A-2A DUST CONTROL MAINTENANCE PROJECT-2023 (LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT – ROUTINE MAINTENANCE) No. EPIMS-INY-42877-R6

Project Location (Inyo County): The Project is located on the Owens Lakebed, bounded by State Route 136 to the north and east, State Route 190 to the south, and U.S. Highway 395 to the west, in the County of Inyo, State of California. The Project is located in the following five Dust Control Areas (DCAs) in the southwest section of the lake. DCA T2-1B is located at Latitude 36.18437, and Longitude -118.03141; Assessor's Parcel Number 033-050-020-00. DCA T1A-2A is located at Latitude 36.200706, and Longitude -118.00315; Assessor's Parcel Number 029-190-018-00. DCA T5-1 is located at Latitude 36.193869, and Longitude, -117.572186; Assessor's Parcel Number 029-260-080-00. DCA T5-3 is located at Latitude 36.201950, and Longitude -117.570229; Assessor's Parcel Number 029-260-080-00. DCA T29-2 is located at Latitude 36.295308, and Longitude -117.551217; Assessor's Parcel Number 026-240-020-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-INY-42877-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Project Applicant, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

The Project includes the following routine maintenance activities in DCA's T1A-2A, T2-1B, T5-1, T5-3, and T29-2: cleaning and maintaining existing furrows, installing and maintaining subdrain lines, adding fill to maintain furrows, seeding and reseeding furrows, sod harvest, and sod application. Fill, sourced from the Cottonwood Creek sediment trap, will be placed in low points and select furrows to assist with drainage and provide suitable root zone for vegetative growth and expansion. Equipment used for the Project will include hand tools, dozer pulling bull plow, excavator, skid-steer, haul trucks, track trucks, drill seeder, sod harvester, farm tractor, flatbed truck, forklift, and water trucks.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on August 27, 2024 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 two Final EIRs and the MND 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.

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The two Final EIRs and the MND prepared for the Project are 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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Alisa Ellsworth 8/27/2024
Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____