

Notice of Determination



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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014061007

Project Title: Phase 1C Needles Highway Improvement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-45469-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino): The Project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Colorado River, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California. The project is located on Needles Highway, north of Needles, CA, with the Colorado River to the east, and the California/Nevada border to the north, and U.S. Route 95 to the west. Latitude 34.888611, Longitude -114.645556.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-45469-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, San Bernardino County Department of Public Works.

The Project is limited to improving a section of Needles Highway by pulverizing and removing asphalt concrete; cement treating subgrade; cold planning existing asphalt concrete; constructing asphalt concrete over compacted pulverized asphalt concrete or base, concrete cut off walls, and non-grouted rock slope protection.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 6, 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 **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** 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 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ **Date:** 11/6/2024
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