

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** SCH2019049037

**Project Title:** Waterman Spreading Grounds Basin Maintenance for Water Recharge (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0121-R6)


**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at Waterman Spreading Grounds, a tributary to Twin Creek and ultimately the Santa Ana River. It is bordered by North Waterman Avenue/State Route 18 to the west and East 40<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, in the City of San Bernardino, County of San Bernardino, California: Latitude 34.168330, Longitude -117.274182.

**Project Description:** The project is limited to specific maintenance activities in 10 of the 14 existing percolation basins within the Waterman Spreading Grounds and is intended to facilitate the ground water recharge of up to 30,000-acre feet per year of State Water Project water. The project involves the routine maintenance, including regular removal of basin vegetation, regular removal of excess sediment, ripping/scraping of bottom of the basins and minor repair, rehabilitation of existing basin and structures within of portions of Waterman Spreading Grounds, its side slopes, basin floors and inlet/outlet structures for water recharge operations.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on September 9, 2019 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  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 GDFW's regional office.

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**Signature**   
Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

**Date:** September 16, 2019

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_