

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019049160

Project Title: Fluid Holdings - Micro Lab Farms (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-03956-R6)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Colorado River, approximately 500 feet south of the intersection of Needles Highway and National Old Trails Road within the City of Needles, San Bernardino County, California; latitude 34.862022, longitude -114.630652; Assessor's Parcel Number 0660-101-32.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-03956-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Shannon Illingworth.

The Fluid Holdings - Micro Lab Farms Project is limited to the construction of five structures and associated infrastructure in two phases for cannabis cultivation activities. A braided unnamed channel will be graded and filled for the construction of the project. The first phase will consist of geotechnical borings and the construction of two metal buildings designed to enclose metal containers, one warehouse building, and one administrative building. The second phase will consist of construction of the fifth structure. The construction of the project will result in 0.66 acre of permanent impacts to desert wash.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on September 13, 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: 9/16/2019

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____