

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019069014

Project Title: Interstate 10 Blythe Pavement Rehabilitation, Post Miles 134.0 to 156.5, EA 08-1C08U, California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-026-06 (ITP).

Project Location (include county): The project is located between Post Miles 134.0 to 156.5 along Interstate 10, east of Desert Center and to the Colorado River Bridge in the City of Blythe, in the County of Riverside, State of California; and are depicted on the USGS Hopkins Well, Roosevelt Mine, Ripley and Blythe Quadrangles 7.5 minute topographical maps. The project begins in the west at Lees Ditch; Latitude 33.606773°, Longitude -114.918807° and the eastern end of the project is at Colorado River Bridge, Latitude 33.605075°, Longitude -114.532147°.

Project Description: The project will include the remove the existing asphalt pavement and construct a new concrete traveled-way including outside shoulder backing, widen existing bridges, regrading the median, construction of a crossover lane, widening existing bridges, and removal and replacement of associated highway components. The project will permanently impact 61.64 acres and temporarily impact 54.84 of habitat that could support desert tortoise.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 6/28/2022 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 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.

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Signature Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager

6/28/2022
Date: _____

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