

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019099095

Project Title: Elder Creek Channel Improvement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0020-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The project is located within East Highland Storm Drain, Church Street Channel, and Elder Creek Channel, tributaries to Plunge Creek and ultimately the Santa Ana River, in the City of Highland within the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.10554 N Longitude - 117.1731 W. The project is located south of Old Greenspot Road; Sections 2, 10, and 11, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Redlands, San Bernardino; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0121020139, 0121020140, 0121020136, 0121020140, 121020141, 0121020142, 0121021102, 0121020117, 029113101, and 029111202.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0020-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, San Bernardino County Flood Control District, as represented by Anthony Pham.

The Elder Creek Channel Improvement Project involves the replacement of the existing channel/road culverts with larger capacity channel/culverts; construction of a new concrete by-pass channel, small sedimentation basin, and regrading, enlarging, and revegetating the earthen channel below Abbey Way and maintaining it as a low flow channel; grading/culvert pipe improvements to East Highland Storm Drain; grouted rock placement at the downstream end where Elder Creek by-pass channel, earthen low flow channel, and Church Street channel converge; and a one-time maintenance of Church Street Channel. In addition, an existing stockpile southeast of the low-flow channel will be regraded, revegetated with Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub (RAFSS) species, and sloped to meet existing terrain.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 26, 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 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 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.

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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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Heather Pert
Signature: _____ Date: 7/26/2022
Heather Pert, Acting Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____