

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020010158

**Project Title:** State Route 133 Operational Improvements Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-18713-R5)

**Project Location (Orange):** The project is located on State Route 133 (SR-133) from 0.2 miles north of SR-133/Interstate 405 separation to Irvine Center Drive Overcrossing in the City of Irvine, County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.06750, Longitude -117.070120.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-ORA-18713-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The Project will result in impacts including temporary impacts to 1.73 acres of unvegetated streambed and permanent impacts to 0.14 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The proposed project includes widening SR-133 between Interstates 5 and 405. The Streambed Alteration Agreement covers widening of the SR-133 off-ramp bridge over San Diego Creek, replacing approximately 520 feet of reinforced concrete channel with a reinforced concrete box between Barranca Parkway and Alton Parkway, and converting a portion of existing trapezoid channel to a reinforced concrete box and culvert at the Barranca Parkway loop ramp. As part of the bridge widening, passage for southern California steelhead will be provided by constructing a low-flow channel between bridge piers 4 and 5. The construction will involve installing engineered streambed materials from the upstream right-of-way, bank to bank, and graded to direct flows into the low-flow channel.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 24, 2023 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.

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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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*David Mayer* 4/24/2023  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Mayer, Environmental Program Manager

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