

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2020039034

Project Title: 1G670 SR-79 Construct Shoulder and Rumble Strips Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 8

Project Location (include county): On State Road 79, near the City of Temecula in Riverside County, California. The Project center reading is located at latitude 33.46945° N and longitude 116.95517° W.

Project Description: The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2022-0173) to the Project Applicant to construct 8-foot shoulders on both lanes of SR-79, along with installing rumble strips on the center line and both shoulders from ¼ mile west of Woodchuck Road (Post Mile [PM] 11.4) to ½ mile east of Sage Road (PM 5.4). Temecula Creek Bridge will be widened as well to accommodate larger shoulders. Additional work will include the installation of retaining walls, and all existing culverts will be replaced with culverts of the same flow rate and direction as the current structures. Compensatory mitigation will occur at a 3:1 area ratio for permanent impacts, with 2:1 credits at Riverpark Mitigation Bank and 1:1 credits at the San Luis Rey Mitigation Bank.

This is to advise that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on November 2, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.

5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This to certify that the mitigated negative declaration is available to the general public at: the office of the Lead Agency listed above. The record associated with the San Diego RWQCB's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No./PIN 883215).

Signature (Public Agency) of Jeremy Haas for David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.

Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.