

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020049056

Project Title: New River Improvement Project-Calexico Reach (EPIMS_IMP_19697_R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on the south side of the New River tributary to the Salton Sea, from about 800 feet northwest of the United States (US)-Mexico International Boundary to about 300 feet east of the All-American Canal Siphon over the New River, within the City of Calexico, in the County of Imperial, State of California; Latitude 32.670611⁰ N, Longitude 115.512664⁰ W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS_IMP_19697_R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the City of Calexico.

The project is limited to the installation of temporary coffer dams to isolate a work area within the New River, installation of a trash screen and water diversion structure downstream from the US-Mexico Border, installation of approximately 8,100 feet of 72-inch underground bypass pipe to convey polluted New River water from the diversion structure, around downtown Calexico for approximately 1.5 miles, to the bypass pipe outlet, installation of a 350 square-foot energy dissipater with adjacent riprap at the outlet of the bypass pipe to control erosion, and building a pump-back system to replace the polluted water in the river channel with clean, treated wastewater from the Calexico Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 12/9/2021 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  Date: 12/9/2021
Tonya Marshall, Salton Sea Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____