

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020050455

Project Title: Santa Maria River Bridge Replacement (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-29430-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located on State Route 1 at the border of San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County where it crosses the Santa Maria River; bridge coordinates are 34.97706, -120.570879.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-29430-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation. The Project is limited to replacing the bridge on the Santa Maria River on State Route 1 and realigning 1,200 feet of the State Route on each side of the Bridge. The Bridge will be widened to accommodate wider shoulders and a bicycle/pedestrian path. Project activities occur year-round but work in the river channel will only occur when flow is not present.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 9, 2024, 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.

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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Signature: Heather A. Pert Date: 9/9/2024
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____