

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020059014

Project Title: Interstate 10 Replace Rock Slope Protection (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-24454-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at 12 separate ephemeral streams along Interstate 10, between the communities of Chiriaco Summit and Desert Center, in the Chuckwalla Valley, in the County of Riverside.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS RIV-24454-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation District 8.

The project is limited to the replacement of rock slope protection (RSP) along both banks of the 12 ephemeral washes at bridge abutments including median areas between east- and west-bound bridges and partially grout the new RSP.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on April 29, 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 / 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.

DocuSigned by: Alisa Ellsworth 4/29/2022
Signature _____ **Date:** _____
Alisa Ellsworth, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____