

**Notice of Determination****- 1 -**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2009051018

**Project Title:** Highway 101 Carpinteria to Santa Barbara Segment 4B Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0121-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** On State Route (SR) 101 within unincorporated Santa Barbara County between Post Mile(s) (PM) 4.4 and 7.7. Segment 4B is a portion of the overall project on State Route 101 from PM 1.4 in the City of Carpinteria to the City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara) at PM 12.3.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0121-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation, District 5, as represented by Ms. Sarah Sandstrom and Ms. Karen Holmes.

The proposed project will add HOV lanes (to northbound and southbound) to SR-101 to eliminate an existing 10.9-mile bottleneck on SR-101 between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. The widening is proposed to occur in the existing median and beyond the existing outside shoulders. The improvements to Highway 101 would include noise-attenuating pavement surfacing and drainage improvements.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on February 2, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project  will /  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 environmental impact report 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 /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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

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Date: 2/3/2021

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