

Notice of Determination

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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 4D- Montecito), (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit (ITP) No. 2081-2022-070-05 Amendment No. 1).

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located on State Route 101 where it crosses Romero, San Ysidro, and Oak Creeks; Coordinates 34.421189, -119.62007; 34.420937, -119.623801; and 34.421021, -119.625559.

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation project replaces the bridges on Romero, San Ysidro, and Oak Creeks on State Route 101. The bridges will be widened to accommodate a high occupancy vehicle lane in both directions and the bridge span will be widened to restore future stream channel capacity. The California Department of fish and Wildlife has amended the ITP to update the project description to retain the bridge channel walls, remove the rock slope protection, reduce the proposed take amount, and reduce the mitigation requirement based on these adjustments.

The Project will result in temporary impacts to 0.26 acre of southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) streambed habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of southern California steelhead, which is/are designated as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 25, 2024 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ Date: 6/25/2024
Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____